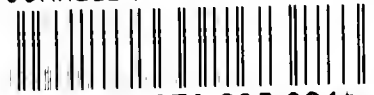


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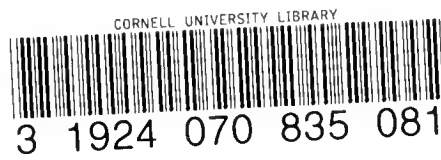
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## THE MONTH

December was appropriately wintry with temperatures and precipitation nearly normal for the season. The average temperature for the month was  $29.0^{\circ}$ ,  $1.3^{\circ}$  above normal while precipitation measured 27.99 inches, 23.1 inches in the form of snow. There was no major snowfall during the month, the heaviest recorded being 4.3 inches on the 6th. (Meteorological data as recorded at Buffalo International Airport.)

There was no major influx of arctic birds and the first Snowy Owl of the season was not recorded until the 11th. A number of records of 'half-hardy' species including Carolina Wren, Mockingbird and Rusty Blackbird were reported throughout the month. A White-fronted Goose reported from the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge on the 2nd was probably the same bird observed there in November. John Morse, biologist at the Refuge, stated that the bird was seen occasionally throughout the period in the company of a flock of Canada Geese in the water and not close enough to the observers to make a positive determination as to subspecies. The bird of the month was unquestionably the immature Ivory Gull found by William Vaughan at the Dufferin Island outlet at the Niagara River in Niagara Falls, Ontario on the 29th. The bird was closely observed by Vaughan and several other observers on the following day who were able to approach within several feet of it to observe field marks and take photographs. Unfortunately, the bird flew upriver before all of the bird watchers who had been notified of its presence were able to see it. This gull was reported again at the Buckhorn Island State Park on the north end of Grand Island on the 31st by William Birch but attempts to locate it there by other observers proved futile.

This Ivory Gull was one of several of this species which apparently wandered south from their usual haunts over drift ice in the arctic regions in December. A second bird, described as morphologically dissimilar to the gull at Niagara Falls was seen by several local birders at London, Ontario where it re-

mained for a week in December before Christmas. A third Ivory Gull was seen at Oshawa, Ontario both before and after the dates our gull was seen. Coincidentally, this is the second record for our study area for this species and the first bird, discovered in the rapids above the Canadian Falls opposite Goat Island, was also reported by William Vaughan on February 10th, 1934!

Joseph F. Thill, 36 Allegany Avenue, Kenmore, N.Y.

# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	Dec.	1,2	1,2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrles, Mitchell, et al.
	"	13	2	Lakewood, Chautauqua	
				Lake Sundell	
Red-necked Grebe	"	2	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Horned Grebe	"	2,8,23	2-3	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Mitchell, Valentine, et al.
Pied-billed Grebe	"	15-31	1-2	Belmont	Burtens
Gr. Blue Heron	"	4-30	1	Belmont	Burtens
	"	8	2	Niagara Loop	Mitchell, et al.
Whistling Swan	"	6,13	214,154	Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
Canada Goose	"	1-16	1	Belmont	Burtens
	"	15	60	Belmont	Burtens
	"	15	30	Allentown	Hurlburt
<u>White-fronted Goose</u>	"	2	1	Ringneck Pond,	
				Iroquois NWR	Schrader
Gadwall	"	2-30	1-17	Niagara Rapids	
				Gorge	Mitchell, Schaffner, Valentine et al.
Pintail	"	29	1	East Aurora	Mitchell
	"	30	1	Dufferin Islands,	
				Ont.	Schaffner, Clark et al.
Green-w. Teal	"	30	1,4	Dufferin Islands,	
				Ont.	Schaffner, Clark et al.
Blue-w. Teal	"	<u>30</u>	1	Dufferin Islands,	
				Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Ring-necked Duck	"	6	45	Dewittville, Chaut.	
				Lake Sundell	

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*King Eider	Dec.	8F	2	Niagara Falls	Mitchell, et al.
	"	23	5	Niagara R., Ont.	Valentine
	"	30	1	Off Dufferin Is-	
				lands, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
White-w. Scoter	"	2	4	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Mitchell, et al.
	"	8	1	Niagara Falls	
				Gorge	Mitchell, et al.
	"	23	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Valentine
Surf Scoter	"	8	1	Niagara Falls Gorge	Mitchell, et al.
	"	6,13	2,1	Prendergast Pt.	
				Chautauqua L.	Sundell
Black Scoter	"	6	2	Prendergast Pt.	
				Chautauqua L.	Sundell
	"	23	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Valentine
	"	30	1	Niagara Falls	
				Gorge, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Hooded Merganser	"	6,13	576,230	Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	18,20	1	Belmont	Burtens
Cooper's Hawk	"	6-30	1	Belmont	Burtens
Red-should. Hawk	"	27	1	Iroquois NWR	Fisher
Rough-leg. Hawk	"	8	1	Grand Island	Mitchell, et al.
Marsh Hawk	"	16	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Killdeer	"	23	1	Crescent Pk., Ft.	
				Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
Glaucous Gull	"	2F,30	1,9	Niagara Falls, Ont.	
				Goat Island, St. David's,	
				Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Iceland Gull	"	2,23,30	1-3	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark,
					Valentine
Little Gull	D"	30	2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Black-leg Kittiwake	"	30	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Common Tern	"	2L	1	Niagara Falls	Mitchell, et al.
Mourning Dove	"	1-31	16-65	Belmont	Burtens
	"	22-24	45-59	Egbertsville (f)	McKales
				(Numerous reports of smaller numbers)	
Snowy Owl	"	11F	1	Holley	Smith
Short-eared Owl	"	8	5	Grand Island	Mitchell, et al.
Belted Kingfisher	"	1-31	1-2	Seven localities	Several observers
Common Flicker	"	1-31	1-3	Six localities	Several observers
Horned Lark	"	26	4	Town of Amity	Graves
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-31	11-2	Spring Brook (f)	Danner
Winter Wren	"	2	1	Dufferin Islands,	
				Ont.	Mitchell, et al.
Carolina Wren	"	1-7	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Mockingbird	"	1	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrles
	"	2	1	Hamburg	Andrles
	"	23	1	Acacia Pk., Pendleton	McKales

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American Robin	Dec.	4	3 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	18	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	23	1 Acacia Park,	
			Pendleton	McKales
	"	29	2 East Aurora	Mitchell
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	"	<u>11</u>	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
Cedar Waxwing	"	29	140 East Aurora	Mitchell
Northern Shrike	"	3,23	2,1 Town of Clarence	Wagner, McKales
	"	27	5 Iroquois NWR	Audubon Census
	"	30	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
E. Meadowlark	"	11,19	6,1 Town of Amity	Burtions
	"	23	7 Clarence Center	McKales
Red-w. Blackbird	"	3	10 Iroquois NWR	Wagner
	"	15	1 Snyder	DeKleine
	"	15	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
	"	18,20	1,2 Belmont	Burtions
Rusty Blackbird	"	3	1 Iroquois NWR	Wagner
	"	9	1 Belmont	Smith
	"	19,20	1 Belmont	Burtions
	"	28	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Common Grackle	"	3	15 Iroquois NWR	Wagner
	"	3,4	1 Belmont	Burtions
Brown-h. Cowbird	"	1-31	10 Williamsville	Mitchell
	"	3	300 Twp. of Royalton,	
			Iroquois NWR	Wagner
	"	8	2 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
	"	18	3 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-31	1-100 Seven localities	Several observers
Purple Finch	"	4	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	14-30	1-4 Belmont	Burtions
Common Redpoll	"	29	8 East Aurora	Mitchell
Red Crossbill	"	24,25	1,3 E. Aurora (f)	Valentine
Rufous-s. Towhee	"	24-31	1 Lyndonville	Smith
White-thr. Sparrow	"	2	1 Dufferin Islands,	
			Ont.	Mitchell, et al.
	"	5	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	12-31	8-14 Spring Brook	Danner

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year ... 269

Additional species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this year ... 2

Total for 1973 . . . . . 271

Addenda: 1973

Amer. Bittern	Jan. <u>2</u>	1 Belfast	Smalley
*Ivory Gull	Dec. <u>29</u>	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Vaughan, et al.
Amer. Redstart	Oct. <u>28</u>	1 Hume Twp.	Moore



ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Report of the Forty-Fifth B. O. S. Christmas Bird Count

Compiled by Richard Byron

Date December 16, 1973

Area: Centering on Grand Island, including both branches of the Niagara River and adjacent territory, from the gorge below the Falls to Fort Erie and Buffalo.

Coverage: Twenty-five observers in 13 parties plus 1 at feeders made observations from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., covering 476 miles by car and 47 miles by foot in cold (13-21 degree), clear to snowy weather in a 5 - 15 mile wind.

Territories and Observers:

A. Canada: Rainbow Bridge south to Welland River and Niagara River west to M.C.R.R., Portage Road, and area boundary. - Patricia and Robert Andrie.

B. Canada: Welland River south to Black Creek, and Niagara River west to Queen Elizabeth Way and area boundary. - Uncovered.

C. Canada: Queen Elizabeth Way west to area boundary and south to Bowen Road. - Allen Valentine, Peter Schaeffer, James Lafferty.

D. Canada: Black Creek south to Peace Bridge, and Niagara River west to Queen Elizabeth Way. - Allen Valentine, Peter Schaeffer, James Lafferty.

E. Canada: Bowen Road south to area boundary and east to Queen Elizabeth Way and Niagara River. - Harold and Rachel Axtell.

F. Porter Road, Hyde Park Blvd., Pine Avenue, Main Street south to Niagara River, including Goat and Cayuga Islands, and east to Military Road. - William Vaughan, Whitney Mallam.

G. Military Road southeast to N.Y. State Barge Canal, and Niagara River northeast to area boundary. - Ann Bauer, Margaret and Marie Wendling.

H. Sheridan Drive north to N.Y. State Barge Canal, and Niagara River east to area boundary. - Alan Reckhow.

J. Sheridan Drive east and south to area boundary, west to Niagara River. - Brian Lewandowski, Harold Mitchell.

K. Grand Island: West to Stony Point Road, north to Huth and Long Roads to Niagara River. - Harriet and Walter Klabunde.

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L. Grand Island: Huth and Long Roads south to Whitehaven Road, and Stony Point Road west to Niagara River. - Harriet and Walter Klabunde.

M. Grand Island: East of Stony Point Road and north of Whitehaven Road to Niagara River. - Richard Byron.

N. Grand Island: Whitehaven Road south to Love Road, and Baseline Road west to Niagara River. - Richard Byron.

O. Grand Island: Whitehaven Road south to Love Road, and Baseline Road east to Niagara River. - Richard Byron.

P. Grand Island: Love Road south to Spaulding Road, from east branch to west branch of Niagara River. - Frances Rew, Alice Ulrich.

Q. Grand Island: south of Spaulding Road, all of Beaver Island State Park. - Alice and Willard McKale.

At Feeders:

fF - William Vaughan

fJ - Gordon Brown

Species Recorded: Figures indicate total number of birds seen; letters indicate territories where birds were seen, if recorded in three or fewer territories.

Common Loon	1 (F)
Horned Grebe	2 (A)
Great Blue Heron	1 (A)
Mallard	854
Black Duck	294
Gadwall	49 (A)
Pintail	9 (A, F)
American Widgeon	87 (A, F)
Redhead	47
Canvasback	2,656
Greater Scaup	1,428
Lesser Scaup	6 (A, E)
Common Goldeneye	2,026
Bufflehead	1,310
Oldsquaw	428 (A, C, E)
King Eider	5 (A)
White-winged Scoter	10 (A, E, F, P)
Surf Scoter	1 (C)
Hooded Merganser	5 (A, C, K)
Common Merganser	529
Red-breasted Merganser	9 (A, E, F)

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Red-tailed Hawk	37	
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	(E)
Marsh Hawk	1	(E)
American Kestrel	40	
Ring-necked Pheasant	17	
Killdeer	2	(E,Q)
Glaucous Gull	3	(A,F)
Great Black-backed Gull	49	(A,C,F,Q)
Herring Gull	7,870	
Ring-billed Gull	5,260	
Bonaparte's Gull	2,842	
Rock Dove	317	
Mourning Dove	168	
Screech Owl	4	(E,H,P,Q)
Great Horned Owl	5	(E,O,P,Q)
Snowy Owl	1	(F)
Short-eared Owl	5	(K, O)
Belted Kingfisher	2	(A,Q)
Common (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	12	(A,C,F,G,K,P,Q)
Red-headed Woodpecker	2	(P,Q)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	(J)
Hairy Woodpecker	14	
Downy Woodpecker	58	
Horned Lark	35	(E,G)
Blue Jay	176	
Common Crow	63	
Black-capped Chickadee	153	
Tufted Titmouse	6	(P,ff)
White-breasted Nuthatch	34	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	(K)
Brown Creeper	14	(A,C,E,P,Q)
Winter Wren	2	(Q)
Carolina Wren	2	(A,ff)
Mockingbird	2	(E,K)
Robin	3	(J,P)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	35	
Cedar Waxwing	1	(C)
Northern Shrike	8	(C,E,K,P)

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Starling	44,443	
House Sparrow	1,591	
Red-winged Black-		
Bird	1 (K)	
Common Grackle	3	A,fF)
Brown-headed		
Cowbird	147	(E,K)
Cardinal	169	
Evening Grosbeak	1	(E)
Purple Finch	5	(E)
American Goldfinch	21	
White-wing. Gross-		
bill	2	(K)
Dark-eyed Junco	105	
Tree Sparrow	901	
White-crowned		
Sparrow	2	(E)
White-throated		
Sparrow	32	(A,E,Q,fF)
Song Sparrow	18	
Snow Bunting	1	(E)
TOTAL SPECIES	75	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	74,445	

Species added during the American Birds count period within the count area but not seen on the B.O.S. count day were:

Blue-winged Teal  
Green-winged Teal  
Cooper's Hawk  
Purple Sandpiper  
Ivory Gull  
Iceland Gull  
Thayer's Gull  
Little Gull  
Black-legged Kittiwake

Emery Road, South Wales, N.Y. 14139

NOTES

New Members

The Society is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Leonard Biskont  
98 Rounds Avenue  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14215

Brian Lewandowski  
75 Nandale Drive  
Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14225



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New members continued:

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95 Shoshone Avenue  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14214

William Redovich  
6356 Meadville Road  
Middleport, N.Y. 14105

North American Hawk Migration Conference  
Syracuse, New York, 19 - 21 April 1974

Valuable research on hawk migration has been done by many individuals and organizations over the past 40 years but little work has so far been done to correlate these studies. The purpose of the North American Hawk Migration Conference therefore is to gather under one roof hawkwatchers from all over eastern North America - from the edge of the Great Plains at longitude 95° east to the Atlantic Coast and from Manitoba to the Gulf of Mexico - to exchange observations on hawk migration, to set standards for record keeping, and to agree on ways of sharing and collating information on a continuing basis.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn north of Syracuse with registration in the evening of Thursday, 18 April. Further details about transportation and accomodation can be obtained from the host committee chairman: Dorothy W. Crumb, 3983 Gates Road, Jamesville, New York 13078.

Research Committee Activities - 1

Projected Bird Population Study At Canadaway Creek

Mr. Allan Valentine has volunteered to coordinate a projected bird population study of the Canadaway Creek Nature Sanctuary maintained by The Nature Conservancy west of Dunkirk, New York. The Sanctuary, located as it is on a 23 acre plot of land on both sides of New York State highway #5 along the shore of Lake Erie, offers a unique opportunity to study not only migrants but summer residents and wintering birds as well. Mr. Valentine proposes a five year study that would include bird banding during April, May, August and September and, perhaps October as well. The project would include more limited banding efforts on at least once-a-month basis throughout the rest of the year. The project would also include a breeding bird census using the National Audubon Society guidelines and the results of which would be published in American Birds, and a winter bird population census which would also be published. Volunteers are needed and anyone who would be interested in participating in the project is urged to contact Mr. Valentine at 73 Brooklea Drive, East Aurora, New York 14052.

Research Committee Activities - 11

Migratory Raptor Study

At a meeting of the Research Committee of the Buffalo Ornithological Society on December 10th, 1973 it was decided to adopt a vulture, hawk and eagle

Migratory Raptor Study, cont.

migration study in which all members of the Society and their bird-watching friends can participate in the course of their normal field activities between March 1st and May 15th, 1974. Statistically, the great bulk of migrating raptors pass through our study area between these dates. Members are urged to report all observations of vultures, hawks and eagles seen during this period to Dr. Walter Klabunde, the project coordinator, excluding only those birds known to be permanent residents in the locality where they are observed. Dr. Klabunde suggests that the reports follow the outline below, pinpointing the location of the observation, if possible, by using the coordinates in the map set, Sectional Divisions of the Territory of the Buffalo Ornithological Society which, while dated in some respects, is reliable enough to insure approximate to accurate recording of the corridors of migration used by the birds in their spring passage. These map sets are available at one dollar (\$1.00) per set and may be purchased from the Society's librarian at the regular meetings in the Museum of Science or by writing to the Librarian, Buffalo Ornithological Society, Buffalo Museum of Science, Humboldt Park, Buffalo, N.Y. 14211 and adding fifty cents for mailing costs.

Suggested outline of form for reporting vulture, hawk and eagle migration, March 1st - May 15th, 1974. Use standard 8½ x 11" dimensions in sheets of reporting paper if possible.

SPECIES\*

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS

LOCATION\*\*

DATE

HOURL

DIRECTION OF FLIGHT

ALTITUDE AND SPEED\*\*\*

WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY

TEMPERATURE AND CLOUD COVER

- \* - if species cannot be identified, list as 'accipiter', 'buteo', 'falcon' or 'eagle' if possible or simply as 'unidentified'.
- \*\* - use sectional map coordinates if available but in any case name township and county.
- \*\*\* - if measurement in feet or m.p.h. is not possible, describe as 'low', 'high' or 'very high' for altitude and 'slow', 'fast' or 'very fast' for speed of flight.

Reports should be sent at the end of each month to the compiler and project coordinator, Dr. Walter Klabunde, 4923 Creek Road, Lewiston, N.Y. 14092

PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June, inclusive, at 8:00 p.m. in the Club Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

- February 27 - Program change! Dr. Richard Clark of the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University will speak on "The Life of the Short-eared Owl" based on his exhaustive field studies of this species in Western Pennsylvania.
- March 13 - Northern Finches - a session on identification and discussion of the finches occurring in the Niagara Frontier Region. Pictures and vocal recordings devoted to this subject, as well as membership participation in the discussion will be welcome. Note: Program originally scheduled for February 27th.
- March 27 - "Radar Studies of Bird Migration and Orientation." An illustrated lecture by Thomas J. Klonowski, graduate student at the State University of New York at Buffalo.
- April 10 - "Wings Over The Inland Sea". An illustrated lecture by J. Paul Perkins, a retired Great Lakes ship captain who will tell us of his fascinating encounters with migrating birds while sailing the Great Lakes over many years.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- March 24 - Oak Orchard area for migrating waterfowl and other birds. Alice and Willard McKale, leaders. (Telephone: 834-0784). Meet at University Plaza at Kenmore Avenue and Main Street at the Buffalo City line. Meeting time: 8:00 a.m.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler: Mr. Robert H. Wagner, 4325 Circle Court, Williamsville, New York 14221.

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## THE MONTH

January was a month of contrasting weather patterns. The new year began with below average temperatures and snow but by the 15th of the month, this trend had reversed itself and for the balance of the period the area basked in unseasonably warm weather with a high temperature reading for the month of  $56^{\circ}$  recorded on the 27th. It was almost a repeat of the delightful weather pattern of one year ago. The average temperature for the period was  $27.1^{\circ}$  or  $3.4^{\circ}$  above the mean. Precipitation measured 22.14 inches, 19.7 inches in the form of snow, a departure of -0.46 inches from the norm. (Meteorological data as recorded at Buffalo International Airport.)

Perhaps because of the relatively mild weather, records of 'half-hardy' species persisted throughout the month. These included Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Mockingbird, American Robin, Hermit Thrush and Rusty Blackbird. Of interest are the record numbers of Tufted Titmouse reported in seven Christmas Bird Counts in our study area as summarized in this issue. The Tufted Titmouse is one of those species of the Carolinian fauna whose fortunes in these latitudes seem to fluctuate with the weather and the increase in numbers and localities of occurrence may indicate its success in establishing a breeding population due to the generally milder winter weather of the past few years. It may also be prospering from the increasing popularity of winter bird feeders in suburban and rural areas. A flock of five Eastern Bluebirds, an increasingly rare sight at any season, was seen at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge on the 8th. Conversely, it appears that no major southward movement of northern species occurred this winter, with Snowy Owl records almost non-existent and reports of only small numbers of northern finches.

Interesting records for the month include an adult male Harlequin Duck reported from Niagara Falls, Ontario on the 5th and 6th. A Purple Sandpiper was seen near the upper rapids of the Niagara River at Niagara Falls, N.Y. on the 19th.

Dunkirk Harbor on Lake Erie proved a haven for a large flock of Bonaparte's Gulls during the month and as many as five Little Gulls were seen in their company by Chautauqua County birders. A Pine Warbler was seen at Chippawa, Ontario on the first of the month.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Horned Grebe	Jan.	1	2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Mitchell, et al.
	"	2	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Pillsbury, Elderkin
Pied-billed Grebe	"	30	2	Belmont	Burtens
Gr. Blue Heron	"	2-30	1-2	Belmont	Burtens
	"	6, 12, 30	1	Tonawanda GMA	Morse, Rebovich
	"	12, 24, 30	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Morse
	"	12-31	1	Scio, Belmont	V. Pitzrick, Brooks
	"	16	1	Burgeson Sanctuary	Elderkins
Canada Goose	"	20, 24, 31	85, 63, 50	Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Morse
Pintail	"	1	5	Navy Island	Andrle, et al.
	"	1	1	Dufferin Islands,	
				Ont.	Schaffner, et al.
	"	6, 20	2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	McKales, Wagner
	"	31	7	Iroquois NWR	Morse, Olsen
Green-w. Teal	"	<u>24</u>	1	Forest Lawn, Cem.	
				Bflo.	Kikta
American Wigeon	"	31	4	Iroquois NWR	Morse, Olsen
Ring-necked Duck	"	1	3	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Rew, et al.
Harlequin Duck	"	5, 6	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
King Eider	"	1	6	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Mitchell, Rew, et al.
White-w. Scoter	"	27	12	Niagara-on-the-Lake,	
				Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
Hooded Merganser	"	1, 20	2, 1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Mitchell, Wagner, et al.
	"	1	4	Niagara River, Ont.	Rew
	"	2	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Elderkin, Pillsbury
	"	6	1	Willoughby Twp, Ont.	McKales
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	1	1	Belmont	Burtens
	"	12	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
	"	21	1	Hamburg	Bourne
	"	25	1	Jamestown	Beal
	"	25	1	Fredonia	Rew

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Cooper's Hawk	Jan.	1-16	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
	"	1-31	1 Belmont	Burtens
	"	1-29	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	5,17	1,1 Jamestown	Beal
	"	10	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
	"	12	1 Sheridan Drive	
			Clarence	Wendlings
Red-should. Hawk	"	13	1 Irving	Andrle, et al.
Rough-leg. Hawk	"	3,7,10	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	13	3 Town of Yates	Thill, Reckhow
	"	14	1 Stockton	Sundell, Kibler,
				Campbell
	"	25	2 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	30	1 Shadagee Rd., Eden	Bourne
Marsh Hawk	"	1,18,23	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Wild Turkey	"	6	5 Town of Belfast	Smiths
American Coot	"	2	8 Dunkirk Harbor	Elderkin, Pillsbury
Killdeer	"	1-27	1 Crescent Park, Ont.	Sommerville
	"	14	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
Purple Sandpiper	"	13	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Benton, et al.
Glaucous Gull	"	1	2 Niagara Falls, Gorge	Mitchell, et al.
	"	3,5	2 Niagara River	Axtell, et al.
	"	19	1 Niagara Gorge	Morse, Rebovich
	"	27	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
Iceland Gull	"	1	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Mitchell, Schaffner,
				et al.
	"	1	1 A. Beck Power Plant,	
			Ont.	Rew
	"	3,5	3 Niagara River	Axtells, et al.
Ring-billed Gull	"	25	3500 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew
Bonaparte's Gull	"	2,25	300,325 Dunkirk Harbor	Elderkin, Pillsbury,
				Rew
	"	27	500 Queenston, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
Little Gull	"	1	2 Niagara Rapids	Mitchell, et al.
	"	2	2 Dunkirk Harbor	Elderkin, Pillsbury
	"	13	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew
	"	14	5 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell, Kibler,
				Campbell
Mourning Dove	"	1-31	1-80 Widely reported by numerous observers	
Snowy Owl	"	23,26	1 White Game Farm,	
			Alabama	Morse, Rebovich
Barred Owl	"	22	1 Town of Hamburg	Bourne
Short-eared Owl	"	1	1 Grand Island	Rew
	"	3-9	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
	"	13	6 Town of Pendleton	McKales
	"	14	1 Fort Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
	"	19	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck

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Belted Kingfisher	Jan.	1-30	1-2 Fort Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	"	1	2 Upper Niagara River,	
"	"	1-31	Ont. Andrie, et al.	
"	"	1	1-2 Scio to Belmont	Burtens, V. Pitzrick
"	"	6	1 Grand Island	Rew
"	"	27	1 Dufferin Islands,	
Yellow-sh. Flicker	"	1-31	Ont. McKales	
"	"	1-31	1 Chippawa, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
"	"	1-31	2-3 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	"	1	1-2 Eggertsville (f)	McKales
"	"	1	2 U.S. side, Niagara	
"	"	1	River Mitchell, et al.	
"	"	11	1 Willoughby Twp., Ont.	Rew
"	"	13	1 Lyndonville (f)	Smiths
Red-bellied Wdpkr.	"	3-31	2 Town of Yates	Thill, Reckhow
"	"	10	1 Iroquois NWR (f)	Olsen
"	"	26	1 Lyndonville (f)	Smiths
Red-headed Wdpkr.	"	3	1 Northrup Rd., Elma	Kikta
"	"	19,20	2 Niagara-on-the-Lake,	
"	"	9	Ont. Axtells	
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	"	9	1 Beaver Island State	
"	"	9	Park Thills, McKales	
"	"	6,9,16	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery,	
Horned Lark	"	12-31	Buffalo Kikta	
"	"	25	Alfred Klingensmith	
"	"	25	2-23 Scio V. Pitzrick	
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-31	4 Hamburg Airport Bourne	
"	"	2	1 Spring Brook (f) Danner	
"	"	4	2 Jamestown (f) Elderkin, Pillsbury	
"	"	4	1 Bentley Sanctuary Beal	
"	"	4	1 Hamburg Bourne	
"	"	6-31	1 Athol Springs (f) Csont	
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	13	1 Amherst (f) McKales	
"	"	15-29	1-3 Alfred Klingensmith	
Winter Wren	"	26	1 Lakeside Cemetery,	
"	"	5,9,14	Hamburg Bourne	
Carolina Wren	"	6	1 Athol Springs (f) Csont	
Mockingbird	"	29	1 Queenston, Ont. McKales	
"	"	3,9	1 Iroquois NWR Fisher, Heck	
American Robin	"	13,16	4 Lyndonville Smiths	
"	"	17	1,21 Iroquois NWR McKales, Morse	
"	"	28	1 Clarence (f) Wagner	
"	"	3	1 Hamburg Bourne	
Hermit Thrush	"	11	1 Niagara-on-the-Lake,	
"	"	8	Ont. Axtells	
"	"	11	1 Grand Island Rew	
Eastern Bluebird	"	8	5 Iroquois NWR Heck, Olsen	

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Cedar Waxwing	Jan.	15-28	3-135 Jamestown	Sundell
"	"	16	5 Near Hamburg	
			Airport	Bourne
	"	24	24 Alfred	Klingensmith
Northern Shrike	"	1	1 Willoughby Twp.Ont.	Rew
	"	3,4,8	1 Rose Hill Rd.,Ont.	Axtells
	"	13	1 Town of Yates	Thill, Reckhow
	"	16	1 Sturgeon Pt.Rd.Eden	Bourne
	"	24	1 Wellsville	V. Pitzrick
Pine Warbler	:	1	1 Chippawa,Ont.	Rew
E. Meadowlark	"	13	1 Royalton	McKales
	"	18	1 Wiscoy	M. Pitzrick
	"	24,26	1,2 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
Red-w. Blackbird	"	1-15	1 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	2	1 Jamestown (f)	Elderkins
	"	9,31	1,1 Amity Lake,Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	26	2 Northrup Rd.,Elma	Kikta
Rusty Blackbird	"	1,2	1 Rose Hill Rd.,	
			Ont. (f)	Axtells
	"	24-26	1 Belmont	Burtens
Common Grackle	"	18	1 Near Hamburg Air-	
			port	Bourne
Brown-h. Cowbird	"	1-16	1-4 Rose Hill Rd.,	
			Ont. (f)	Axtells
	"	1-31	2-12 Williamsville (f)	Mitchell
	"	2	2 Jamestown (f)	Elderkins
	"	7	1 Eggertsville (f)	McKales
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-31	1-85 '8 localities	Several observers
Purple Finch	"	1-31	1-6 Belmont	Burtens
	"	12	1 East Aurora	Valentine
House Finch	"	1-31	1 Athol Springs	Csont
	"	1-31 up to 30	Amherst	Ward
Pine Grosbeak	"	28	2 Hamburg	Bourne
Common Redpoll	"	15	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	16,17	4,2 Amity Lake	Hampton
	"	19	1 East Aurora	Valentine
Pine Siskin	"	3	1 Lyndonville (f)	Smiths
	"	11	3 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	19,20	3,6 East Aurora	Valentine
Amer. Goldfinch	"	1-31	1-82 7 localities	Several observers
Red Crossbill	"	1	2 East Aurora	Valentine
	"	5	1 Jamestown	Sundell
White-w. Crossbill	"	23,24,26	5,3,2 Belmont	Burtens,Mitchell et al.
	"	23-27	1 Tonawanda WMA (f)	Rebovich
	"	23-31	1 Lyndonville (f)	Smiths
	"	26	2 Near Farmersville	V. Pitzrick
Rufous-s.Towhee	"	1-10	1 Athol Springs (f)	Csont

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Rufous-s. Towhee	Jan.	2-31	1 Lyndonville (f)	Smiths
"	"	14-31	1-9 Scio	V. Pitzrick
"	"	17	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	"	1,9-11	1 Rose Hill Rd.	
"	"		Ont.(f)	Axtells
"	"	20	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	"	1-16	10-20 Rose Hill Rd.,	
"	"		Ont.(f)	Axtells
"	"	1-31	1 Jamestown (f)	Beal
"	"	1-31	10-12 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	"	2	3 Jamestown (f)	Elderkin, Pillsbury
"	"	13	2 Amherst (f)	McKales
Song Sparrow	"	1-31	1-2 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	1-31	1 Athol Springs (f)	Csont
"	"	1-31	2-3 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	"	6	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	McKales
"	"	12-31	3-10 Scio	V. Pitzrick
"	"	15	1 Town of Hamburg	Bourne
Lapland Longspur	"	14	4 Scio	V. Pitzrick
Snow Bunting	"	9	20 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	9	50 Near Batavia Air-	
"	"		port	Morse
"	"	12	25 Griffin Rd., Elma	Kikta
"	"	13	10 Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	13	65 Sheridan	Rew
"	"	13	500 Olcott to Lyndon-	
"	"		ville	Thill, Reckhow
"	"	17,24,25	1,1,9 Scio	V. Pitzrick

Species and subspecies recorded in January, 1974 100

(Other species reported: Mallard, Black Duck, Gadwall, Redhead, Greater Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Oldsquaw, Common Merganser, Red-br. Merganser, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Ruffed Grouse, Ring-n. Pheasant, Gr. Black-b. Gull, Rock Dove, Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Pileated Wdpkr., Hairy Wdpkr., Downy Wdpkr., Blue Jay, Common Crow, Black-c. Chickadee, White-br. Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Golden-cr. Kinglet, Starling, House Sparrow, Cardinal, Dark-eyed Junco, Tree Sparrow)

### 1973 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS IN THE B.O.S. STUDY AREA

On the following pages we present the results of seven Christmas Bird Counts taken within the Geographic Boundaries of the B.O.S. Study Area between December 16th, 1973 and January 1st, 1974. The editor is indebted to Dr. Robert Andrle, Regional Editor of the Christmas Bird Count of the National Audubon Society for New York State, for providing the count data for publication at this time.



Table #1

	SCIO	ST. BONAVENTURE	FREDONIA	JAMESTOWN
Date	12-29-73	12-16-73	01-01-74	12-16-73
Horned Grebe			1	
Eared Grebe			1	
Pied-b. Grebe			2	7
Gr. Blue Heron	8			1
Whistling Swan		4		
Mallard	2		4	125
Black Duck			53	175
Gadwall			4	
American Widgeon			2	3
Redhead			2	20
Ring-necked Duck				10
Canvasback				10
Greater Scaup			7	25
Common Goldeneye			7i	83
Bufflehead	2		11	1
Hooded Merganser			2	4
Common Merganser	1		6	
Red-br. Merganser			2	15
Sharp-sh. Hawk	2			1
Cooper's Hawk	1	3		
Red-tailed Hawk	8	2	1	12
Marsh Hawk	1			
Rough-leg. Hawk			1	
American Kestrel	13	3	3	4
Ruffed Grouse	10	1	1	5
Ring-n. Pheasant			1	5
Turkey	6			3
American Coot			10	40
Killdeer				4
Common Snipe				6
Gr. Black-b. Gull			17	
Herring Gull	5		810	151
Ring-b. Gull			6,650	102
Franklin's Gull			1	
Bonaparte's Gull			1,500	2
Little Gull			5	
Rock Dove	650			
Mourning Dove	131	4	52	33
Screech Owl				5
Great Horned Owl	4			6
Snowy Owl			1	1

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	SCIO	ST. BONAVENTURE	FREDONIA	JAMESTOWN
Saw-whet Owl				1
Belted Kingfisher	11	3	2	5
Common Flicker			2	3
Pileated Wdpkr.	3	1		2
Yellow-b. Sapsucker			1	
Hairy Woodpecker	26	8	2	49
Downy Woodpecker	71	18	16	153
Horned Lark	4		50	
Blue Jay	230	272	38	306
Common Crow	247	3	16	87
Black-c. Chickadee	467	132	58	514
Tufted Titmouse	4	17	12	30
White br. Nuthatch	91	23	9	143
Red-br. Nuthatch			2	6
Brown Creeper	10	1	3	12
Winter Wren	2		1	1
Carolina Wren	2		1	
Mockingbird				1
American Robin	3	1	9	7
Golden-cr. Kinglet	62		17	21
Cedar Waxwing			6	55
Northern Shrike		1		
Starling	535	226	632	1,492
House Sparrow	687	405	242	1,851
E. Meadowlark	2			
Red-w. Blackbird				2
Rusty Blackbird	1			
Common Grackle		1		6
Brown-h. Cowbird	26	3	2	29
Cardinal	84	42	67	248
Evening Grosbeak	403	91	138	858
Purple Finch	11	3	2	5
Pine Grosbeak	1			
Pine Siskin	2			27
Am. Goldfinch	79	50	18	222
Red Crossbill	2			
Rufous-s. Towhee			1	1
Dark-eyed Junco	87	149	123	409
Tree Sparrow	165	236	487	547
Field Sparrow	7		2	8
White-cr. Sparrow			14	1
White-thr. Sparrow	8	1	12	24

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	SCIO	ST. BONAVENTURE	FREDONIA	JAMESTOWN
Swamp Sparrow				9
Song Sparrow	11		14	46
Lapland Longspur			1	
Snow Bunting			98	2
TOTAL SPECIES	47	29	62	66
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	4,190	1,704	11,255	8,042

TABLE #2

Date	GRAND ISLAND 12-16-73	HAMBURG - E.AURORA 12-29-73	OAK ORCHARD 12-27-73
Common Loon	1		
Horned Grebe	2		
Great Blue Heron	1	3	1
B.-cr. Night Heron		1	
Canada Goose			184
Mallard	854	278	68
Black Duck	294	15	4
Gadwall	49		
Pintail	9	1	
American Widgeon	87	3	
Wood Duck			1
Redhead	47		
Canvasback	2,656		
Greater Scaup	1,428	1	
Lesser Scaup	6		
Common Goldeneye	2,026	8	
Bufflehead	1,310	4	
Oldsquaw	428		
King Eider	5		
White-w. Scoter	10		
Surf Scoter	1		
Hooded Merganser	5		
Common Merganser	529		
Red-br. Merganser	9	1	
Unidentified Ducks		20	
Sharp-sh. Hawk		3	
Cooper's Hawk		2	
Red-tailed Hawk	37	21	59
Red-should. Hawk	1		1
Rough-leg. Hawk		1	2
Marsh Hawk	1		1
American Kestrel	40	30	26

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	GRAND ISLAND	HAMBURG - E. AURORA	OAK ORCHARD
Ruffed Grouse		1	1
Ring-n. Pheasant	17	111	13
Killdeer	2		
Glaucous Gull	3		
Gr. Black-b. Gull	49	4	
Herring Gull	7,870	90	
Ring-b. Gull	5,260	160	6
Bonaparte's Gull	2,842	12	
Rock Dove	317	186	83
Mourning Dove	168	397	80
Screech Owl	4	1	1
Great Horned Owl	5	3	
Snowy Owl	1		1
Barred Owl		1	1
Short-eared Owl	5		
Belted Kingfisher	2	4	
Common Flicker	12	18	53
Pileated Wdpkr.		1	1
Red-bellied Wdpkr.		2	7
Red-headed Wdpkr.	2		
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	1	1	
Hairy Woodpecker	14	57	13
Downy Woodpecker	58	140	56
Horned Lark	35		
Blue Jay	176	305	51
Common Crow	63	417	54
Black-c. Chickadee	153	836	264
Tufted Titmouse	6	33	2
White-br. Nuthatch	34	143	23
Red-br. Nuthatch	1	35	
Brown Creeper	14	18	4
Winter Wren	2		
Carolina Wren	2	1	
Mockingbird	2	2	
American Robin	3	13	44
Golden-cr. Kinglet	35	77	3
Cedar Waxwing	1	384	102
Northern Shrike	8	3	5
Starling	44,443	7,226	2,290
Yellow-rump Warbler		1	
House Sparrow	1,591	2,912	1,205
E. Meadowlark			7
Red-w. Blackbird	1	5	52
Common Grackle	3	16	
Brown-h. Cowbird	147	20	65

	GRAND ISLAND	HAMBURG - E. AURORA	OAK ORCHARD
Cardinal	169	352	46
Evening Grosbeak	1	876	27
Purple Finch	5	52	8
Common Redpoll		15	
Pine Siskin		6	
Amer. Goldfinch	21	288	6
White-w. Crossbill	2		1
Rufous-s. Towhee		2	
Dark-eyed Junco	105	561	39
Tree Sparrow	901	460	219
Chipping Sparrow		2	
Field Sparrow		8	
White-cr. Sparrow	2	7	
White-th. Sparrow	32	75	
Song Sparrow	18	23	14
Snow Bunting	1		120
House Finch		1	
TOTAL SPECIES	75	68	47
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	74,445	16,761	5,332

#### ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

#### NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION OF BIRD CLUBS JANUARY WATERFOWL COUNT

Compiled by Alan H. Reckhow

Following is the result of the twentieth annual waterfowl census for Region #1 of The Federation of New York State Bird Clubs. The Federation's journal, The Kingbird, will publish the results of the statewide count at a later date.

Dates included Jan. 12 - Jan. 20, 1974 with Jan. 13th the target date.

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
Common Loon	1 (c)	average
Mallard	1503	average
Black Duck	761	low
Gadwall	15	average
Pintail	8	low average
American Widgeon	52 (c,d,f)	average
Redhead	110	low
Canvasback	4,355	high average

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
Greater Scaup	2,678	low
Common Goldeneye	4,743	low average
Bufflehead	2,884	highest
Oldsquaw	1,401	high average
King Eider	7 (d)	average
White-winged Scoter	8 (b,d)	low
Surf Scoter	2 (d)	ties for high
Hooded Merganser	4 (e,g)	average
Common Merganser	13,355	high
Red-breasted Merganser	8 (i)	low
American Coot	12 (i)	average
Total	31,910	

Maximum count for census: 46,200 in 1960; maximum species: 29 in 1960

COMMENT: Most of the inland swamps, lakes, ponds and streams were frozen fast on the target date and for the balance of the period. Large fields of slush ice along the shore of Lake Erie made it impossible to see any waterfowl in open water even with the scope. It is interesting to note that one little creek containing open water in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo was crowded with over 300 Mallards on the 13th.

Following is a list of those observers who participated in the count and the territories covered.

- A- Lake Ontario Pt. Breeze to Olcott - Alan Reckhow, Thill
- B- Lake Ontario Olcott to Ft. Niagara- Yaki, Martin
- C- Ft. Niagara to Gorge at Falls - Vaughan
- D- Niagara-on-the-Lake to Gorge at Falls-Benham
- E- Buffalo. N. Harbor to Goat Island -Mitchell, Lewandowski, Wilcove
- F- Ft. Erie to Canadian Falls -Valentine, Lafferty
- G- Grand Island -Ulrich, Schwartz, Paulson
- H- Lake Erie, Buffalo S. Harbor to Silver Creek - Andrle
- I- Silver Creek west to Penn. Line - Rew
- J- Jamestown Area - Carlson
- K- Olean-Salamanca Area - Eaton
- L- Allegany Co. Area - Burton
- M- Batavia Area - Seamans
- N- Oak Orchard & Tonawanda G.M.A. - Meyers, Rebovich
- O- Iroquois Nat. Wildlife Refuge - Norse
- P- Williamsville Area - Marie and Margaret Wendling, Bauer
- Q- Delaware Park - Forest Lawn and Zoo - David Reckhow

I would like to thank all who took part in this twentieth annual waterfowl census.

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#### FIELD TRIP TO THE SOUTHERN TIER

by Marie A. Wendling

Spring in January! That was the order of the day on Saturday, January 26, when four cars with twelve B.O.S. members set out for the Allegany County trip. The sun had not yet risen, but all portents were for fine weather, and these were fulfilled as the day advanced into brilliant sunshine and a temperature of over 50°.

On our way birds were curiously scarce - even starlings were almost non-existent. Three species of hawks - Red-tailed, Cooper's and American Kestrel - were observed, but one elusive bird evaded identification by leaving its perch and dropping into a woodlot from which it did not emerge. Some of us thought it probably was a Red-shouldered Hawk.

At Donald and Jane Clark's spacious and beautiful new home at Farmersville Station, we found six members of the Allegany Bird Club watching Don remove a Chickadee from a mist net, while Al Valentine set to work to free three Tree Sparrows from a second net. Overhead thirty-five Evening Grosbeaks flew about, a Cardinal called, Juncos and Tree Sparrows kept coming and going and a flock of twelve Goldfinches settled in a tree. Both woodpeckers and a pair of White-breasted Nuthatches busied themselves in nearby trees.

We were finally able to tear ourselves away from the gracious hospitality of the Clarks, and led by Lou Burton, we headed for Allegany County. Birds continued to be scarce, probably widely dispersed, as is to be expected on so warm a winter day. In the Hanging Bog area we stopped several times to observe Golden-crowned Kinglets, Chickadees and Brown Creepers. Occasionally a Bluejay called. On Hick's Road we scared up three Ruffed Grouse. In Belmont, at the Burtons, we found a Song Sparrow and a tree full of Goldfinches. We were taken to the nearby home of the Casterlines, where several White-winged Crossbills have been coming to a feeder. As we watched through the window, a pair fed on the ground, then rose and flitted about in a nearby tree, long enough for all of us to get excellent views.

When we crossed the Genesee River on our way home, Alice McKale called our attention to a dark shape in a dead tree. As we lifted our glasses, it rose and flew slowly toward us - a wintering Great Blue Heron.

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NOTES

Mrs. Vivian Pitzrick of Amity Lake, Belmont, New York has been appointed sub-editor of the New York State Federation of Bird Clubs publication, The Kingbird, for Region #1, the western New York area. As such, Mrs. Pitzrick will compile and write the quarterly report of bird sightings in this area for that journal.

PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June, inclusive, at 8:00 p.m. in the Club Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

- April 10- "Wings Over The Inland Sea". An illustrated lecture by J. Paul Perkins, a retired Great Lakes ship captain, who will tell us about his fascinating encounters with migrating birds while sailing the Great Lakes over many years.
- April 24- Symposium on hawk identification. "I am but mad north-north-west; when the wind is southerly I know a hawk from a hand-saw." Can you say as much? This will be a membership participation program with slides of overhead flight patterns of hawks. Any reader who has 35 mm. slides of hawks or other raptors in flight is urged to bring them for use in this presentation.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- March 31- Oak Orchard area for migrating waterfowl and other birds. Alice and Willard McKale, leaders. (telephone: 834-0784). Note change of date; erroneously reported as March 24th in January issue. Meet at University Plaza at Kenmore Avenue and Main Street at the Buffalo city line at 7:30 a.m.
- April 7th- April Bird Count. Gail Seamans, leader. Contact leader at 762-9211 or 762-8707 for assignment of territory.

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## THE MONTH

The weather in February was seasonally cold with an average temperature of 22.3°, 2.1° below the norm for this month. Precipitation measured 24.99 inches, 22.8 inches in the form of snow. The only significant snowfall occurred on the 6th when 4.3 inches was recorded. (Meteorological data as recorded at the Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

Bird movement was unspectacular until the end of the month when a southerly flow of warm air brought reports of Whistling Swans from Fort Erie, Ontario and Belmont although a flock of seven birds of this species was reported from Scio in Allegany County as early as the 8th. A Loggerhead Shrike was seen in Cheektowaga on the 12th and widespread movement of White-winged Crossbills in the area during the period is also worthy of note.

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## NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Horned Grebe	Feb.	1- 9	1-2 Belmont	Burtens
Gr. Blue Heron	"	4,28	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	20,28	1,2 Belmont	Burtens

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Gr. Blue Heron	Feb.	28	1 Cazenovia Cr., Elma	Kikta
Canada Goose	"	22,23,28	160,65,15 Iroquois NWR	Morse
			(believed to be wintering birds)	
*Whistling Swan	"	8F	7 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	26,28	1 Belmont	Burtons
	"	28	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schwartz
Gadwall	"	22	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Pintail	"	3	16 Niagara Falls, N.Y.	
			& Ont.	Wagner
King Eider	"	3	1 Niagara-on-the-	
			Lake, Ont.	Wagner
Hooded Merganser	"	3	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wagner
	"	9	3 Scio	V. Pitzrick
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	9	1 Amity Twp.	V. Pitzrick
	"	27	1 Belmont	Burtons
Cooper's Hawk	"	2-27	1 Belmont	Burtons
Red-should. Hawk	"	13	1 Hickox Rd., Hamburg	Bourne
Rough-l. Hawk	"	10	1 Lewiston	McKales
	"	17	2 Clarence Ctr.	McKales
	"	19,28	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Morse
Marsh Hawk	"	10	1 Port Colborne, Ont.	Thill
		15-25	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Morse
Killdeer	"	7-28	1 Crescent Park, Ont.	Sommerville
	"	13F-22	2 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Fisher, Morse
	"	22	2 N. Davis Rd., Elma	Kikta
Glacous Gull	"	3	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wagner
	"	10	1 Wilson Harbor	McKales
Iceland Gull	"	3	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wagner
Bonaparte's Gull	"	3	75 Queenston, Ont.	Wagner
Little Gull	"	24	1 Lewiston	McKales
Mourning Dove	"	1-28	10-50 Belmont	Burtons
	"	1-28	15-20 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1-15	22-50 Eggertsville (f)	McKales
	"	2-27	14 max. Snyder	DeKleine
	"	2-29	2 Scio, Amity	V. Pitzrick
Snowy Owl	"	5	1 Allegany	Burtons
	"	22	1 White Game Farm,	
			Indian Falls	Morse
Belted Kingfisher	"	1-28	1-2 Scio, Belmont	Burtons, V. Pitzrick
	"	15-27	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
Yellow-sh. Flicker	"	1-28	2 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	1-28	1 Eggertsville (f)	McKales
	"	10	1 Wilson	McKales
Pileated Wdpkr.	"	19	2 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Red-bellied Wdpkr.	"	2	2 Northrup Rd., Elma	Kikta
	"	24,28	2,1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Horned Lark	"	10	85,52 Cambria, Wilson	McKales

Tufted Titmouse	Feb.	1-28	1 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	15	2 Alfred	Klingensmith
Carolina Wren	"	17,18	1 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
Robin	"	8,16	31,36 N.Davis Rd., Elma	Kikta
	"	10,11,20	1 Lyndonville	Smiths
	"	16	1 N.Boston Rd., Eden	Bourne
Eastern Bluebird	"	22,26,28	1-6 Iroquois NWR area	Olsen, Heck, Fisher, Morse
Cedar Waxwing	"	22,23	8 Jamestown	Sundell
Northern Shrike	"	12,16,25	1 N. Davis Rd., Elma	Kikta
	"	18	1 Lyndonville	Smiths
*Loggerhead Shrike	"	12,14	1 Cheektowaga	Off, Stein
*Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	13F	1 N.Creek Rd., Eden	Bourne
Red-w. Blackbird	"	2,10,28	2,1,50 Belmont	Burtions
	"	25	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	27,28	1 N.Davis Rd., Elma	Kikta
Rusty Blackbird	"	2,10,11	1 Belmont	Burtions
Common Grackle	"	16	1 N.Davis Rd., Elma	Kikta
	"	21	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	23	3 East Aurora	Valentine
Brown-h. Cowbird	"	2	23 Kenmore (f)	Thill
	"	6,8	6,2 Snyder	DeKleine
	"	9	2 Eggertsville (f)	McKales
	"	23	2 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-28	50-60 Belmont	Burtions
	"	1-28	6-26 Amity Lake, Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	2-23	2-35 East Aurora	Valentine
	"	5,18	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Purple Finch	"	1-28	4-6 Belmont	Burtions
	"	3,7,23	3,2,1 East Aurora	Valentine
Common Redpoll	"	7-24	2-20 East Aurora	Valentine
	"	22,23	1 Belmont	Burtions
Pine Siskin	"	2, 3, 9	1,2, 1 East Aurora	Valentine
White-w. Crossbill	"	1, 2	1, 2 Belmont (f)	Burtions
	"	2	3 Lakewood (f)	Sundell, Whites
	"	3	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	8	1 Fillmore	Palmer
	"	9	1 Lyndonville (f)	Smiths
Rufous-s. Towhee	"	1-28	1 Lyndonville (f)	Smiths
Field Sparrow	"	1	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	2, 9	3,6 Scio	V. Pitzrick
White-th. Sparrow	"	1-28	2 Jamestown (f)	Beal
	"	1-28	10-12 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	1, 4	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	5	1 Snyder	DeKleine
	"	17	2 Brant Twp.	McKales
	"	26	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
*Swamp Sparrow	"	8, 9	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick

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Lapland Longspur	Feb.	10	55 Porter Twp.	McKales
"	"	13	1 Hickox Rd., Eden	Bourne
Snow Bunting	"	2	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
"	"	10	225,50 Porter Twp., Wilson	
"	"	18	1 Alfred	McKales
"	"	24	30 Alfred	Burtens, Brooks
				Klingensmith

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 101

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 4

Total to date . . . . . 105

ERRATUM

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Page 17, (Rufous-s. Towhee) - (Jan.) 14-31 - 1-9 Scio V. Pitzrick  
should read

Field Sparrow (Jan.) 14-31 - 1-9 Scio V. Pitzrick

The editor appreciates any typographical errors  
or omissions being called to his attention by the  
observant reader.

A BANQUET FOR THE BIRDS

Richard M. DeGraaf and Jack Ward Thomas

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The sight of bird feeders-hanging from tree limbs, on wooden and wrought-iron posts, atop all manner of fences, or nailed to porch railings-has become an integral part of today's suburban scene. It would seem that a large number of homeowners, who are not otherwise involved with conservation or wildlife, find it rewarding to have birds in the vicinity of their homes. This attraction may be attributed to a romanticized notion of the effect of trees, green lawns, and spacious backyards upon the esthetic sensibilities of former city dwellers, coupled with a desire to provide their offspring with the amenities of the countryside while also increasing their ecological awareness.

People living in cities also feed birds. Whether it is the proverbial old lady in the park feeding the pigeons or a housewife leaving stale bread crusts on the window ledge, feeding the urban bird population occupies a significant number of people. Bird feeding is also a favored pastime in rural areas: small-town residents and even farmers put out birdseed, suet, and other delicacies for the avian inhabitants of the countryside.

Whatever the locale, a lot of wild bird feeding is going on. Yet it is safe to assume that most of the people engaged in providing the handouts have no idea how their efforts affect the occurrence and numbers of local bird species by changing the ranges of certain birds and delaying migration. Because of the general dearth of urban wildlife research, the situation has not received much attention, but it should be investigated to determine the long-range portents for bird populations.

To grasp the potential ecological significance of wild bird feeding, we must first look at the amounts of food provided and monies expended. From our investigation of songbird habitat requirements, we learned that artificial feeding played a large role in supporting a number of songbird species in that environment. Under the auspices of the United States Forest Service, we conducted a random survey of households in Amherst, Massachusetts, to determine the extent of bird feeding in the area.

Of the 538 households queried, 43 percent indicated that they fed wild birds. Most did so in the winter months from December through March, but 58 percent of those feeding provided food through April, a crucial time because much of the natural food in the area has already been consumed, new crops, which produce seeds and grains, are not yet available, and there are few spring insects. Although most people stopped feeding birds as summer approached, 16 percent continued to feed through July. This largess might be explained by the attachment many people expressed by referring to "my" mockingbird or "our" cardinal.

Several people reported maintaining ten or more feeding stations and spending in excess of \$200, but the average bird-feeding household maintained 1.7 feeders and spent \$8.80 annually on bird food. If 43 percent of the 5,250 households in Amherst similarly fed birds, they spent approximately \$19,870 in 1972 on this activity.

Recent market research has revealed that 23.8 percent of the 861,024 households in metropolitan Boston fed birds in 1972, and that each household purchased an average of 69.6 pounds of birdseed during the year. Using then current prices, we can calculate that these 205,000 households spent approximately \$8.20 each for a total annual expenditure of \$1,680,000. These figures are even more impressive if extrapolated to the state of Massachusetts. Amherst, because of its suburban character, probably has a higher proportion of people feeding birds and Boston a lower proportion than the state as a whole. But, even using the Boston figure of 23.8 percent, of 1,762,140 Massachusetts households, about 419,000 engaged in this activity and spent \$3,439,000 in 1972 for bird feed. These estimates do not include expenditures on feeders, binoculars, identification guides, or any other expenses associated with the enjoyment of songbirds.

Data from other metropolitan areas throw some light on the effects of city size on the residents' bird feeding activities.

Table #1

	Number of Households	Percent of Households that Feeds Birds	Average Annual Seed Purchase per Household (lbs.)
Milwaukee	442,804	19.4	64.5
Cleveland	659,487	24.7	57.6
St. Louis	750,164	19.8	64.5
New York	3,949,454	15.1	49.2

In the metropolitan area, the proportion of residents that feeds birds is at least statistically correlated with the population: as city size increases, fewer people feed birds. Not only that, but as city size increases, the amount of feed purchased per participating household decreases. These data may reflect proportional decreases in the amount of vegetation in the larger cities or at least of the type of habitat favored by some birds, particularly songbirds. Also people in the city may be less motivated to feed birds because they see fewer species; pigeons, starlings, and sparrows may be viewed as less attractive than cardinals and juncos. The social makeup of larger cities also creates life-styles that may not encompass the active enjoyment of wildlife. People who live in tall apartment buildings are less likely to feed birds; they are also less likely to see a variety of birds than people who live in garden apartments or brownstones with yards.

It is interesting to speculate on the effects of wild bird feeding on bird populations. In the northeast, as many as ten new species have appeared in recent years. Some species are undergoing range extension because of a great increase in the amount of edge habitat (where one habitat blends into another), the result of housing construction and the decline of agriculture. Winter feeding has a direct effect, allowing some southerly species, such as cardinals and mockingbirds, to survive the severe weather. Although we know that a general warming trend has been occurring in our hemisphere, it alone is probably not enough to explain the recent changes in bird distributions, both in terms of range extensions and numbers, that have occurred.

The evening grosbeak, originally a bird of western Canada, has spread eastward during the winter and now breeds in eastern Canada and northern New England. Flocks historically had wandered south in the winter on an erratic basis, but they now do so almost every year and this past winter were even found as far south as South Carolina. Although still unpredictable, their southward movements may be tied to scarcities of seeds and berries farther north. During their migration, they readily find sunflower seeds in suburban feeders.



Some biologists believe that winter feeding has increased the population of evening grosbeaks by reducing winter mortality. Many other usually migratory species are now wintering in the northern parts of their range, among them song, vesper, chipping, and white-crowned sparrows. The many tons of seed provided annually at feeders would seem to be at least partially responsible for this shift in bird distribution.

Those people who feed birds often make them an intimate part of their lives by placing feeders where the birds can be seen, watched carefully, and appreciated at leisure. Even the more common species appear more colorful and interesting when viewed close up. Knowing that these creatures are holding on and even increasing in spite of our seeming rush to suburbanize the earth can lift the spirit.

It often seems that the "American way" makes it necessary to put a monetary value on a resource before it is truly appreciated. Now that feeding wild birds has become the basis of an estimated fifty million dollar a year industry, perhaps more thought and effort will be expended on protecting wild birds and their habitat.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Richard M. DeGraaf, a wildlife biologist with the Pinchot Institute of Environmental Research of the U.S. Forest Service, began a study two years ago of the habitat requirements of songbirds in urban and suburban areas. Intrigued by his findings of the relationship between wild birds and people, he extended his research to include the widespread practice of bird feeding and its effect on bird populations and distributions. Jack Ward Thomas, co-author of the above feature article, supervised the research on wild bird feeding. He is now with the Range and Wildlife Habitat Laboratory of the Forest Service in LaGrande, Oregon.

#### NOTES

##### Pymatuning Weekend

The annual birders weekend at Presque Isle and Pymatuning, Pennsylvania will be on May 11 - 12, 1974. Local birders who will be attending will rendezvous with the other participants at Presque Isle State Park near Erie, Pennsylvania with field trips on Saturday Morning departing from Cabin No. 3 at 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. At 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, the annual banquet and meeting will be held at the Grange Hall at Penn Line, Pa. The scheduled guest speaker will be retired Great Lakes Ship Captain J. Paul Perkins who will speak on "Wings Over The Inland Sea". Sunday will be devoted to field trips to the State Wildlife Refuge at Pymatuning, Pa. with a get together breakfast at the Driftwood Restaurant in Linesville, Pa. for those who so desire. For further details concerning cost and sleeping accomodations please contact the local leader, Mrs. Howard Saville at 3837 North Freeman Road in Orchard Park, N.Y. (tel. 662-5215)

The Hamilton Bird Records Committee

The Wood Duck, the monthly newsletter of the Hamilton (Ont.) Naturalists Club announced in its March, 1974 issue (vol. 27:7) the establishment of a Bird Records Committee which met for the first time on December 28th, 1973 in the home of its first chairman, Mr. George North. At this meeting a documented report blank was devised and a list of species requiring a documented write-up, if a record is to be considered for submission to the regional editor of AMERICAN BIRDS, was drawn up. George North is well known to many local birders as having few peers in field identification of birds and well qualified to assess the reports of rare and unusual species in the Hamilton area. Copies of the report blank and the list of species needing verification are printed in this issue of The Wood Duck.

Winter Finch Banding Project in East Aurora

I mist-netted and banded 38 Common Redpolls in February, 1974 in the backyard of my home in East Aurora. None were seen at all until January 19th when I banded the first one - - and no others were banded until February. Their numbers seemed to increase as the month wore on.

Also mist-netted and banded 111 American Goldfinch during the month and 21 Evening Grosbeak, 5 Purple Finch - - all at the same location.

I banded at this same location in 1973 but no Redpolls were seen or banded. The Goldfinch and Evening Grosbeak wintering population was about the same as 1973.

Although I mist-netted almost every week-end at this location all through the current winter period, I did not see - - or net - - a Golden-crowned Kinglet until February 24th. None were seen at all last winter.

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- May 8 - "Birder's Big Day" - a taped program with a narration of a twenty-four hour birding marathon in late May to list as many species as it is possible to record in this area at the height of the spring migration. The tapes narrate a hypothetical trip beginning shortly after midnight at the Cedar Street swamp outside of Akron, N.Y. and ending late the same evening near Wainfleet, Ontario. Eighty-four calls and songs of various species which can be expected in the areas visited by our hypothetical birder are interspersed with the narration but not identified. Sheets listing the birds will be distributed to the audience who will have the option of trying to identify them by ear or following the list to brush up on their ability to identify by sound in their field trips at this time. Program taped by Mr. Harold Freund.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- May 18 - 19 May Bird Count. Leader -Allen Valentine (tel. 652-0637). Note that the count will be held on two days in order to give those observers who wish to cover larger areas more thoroughly than otherwise possible in one day, an opportunity to visit different portions of their territory over two days; otherwise, it may give the observer an option to chose the day with the most pleasant weather conditions for his census.
- May 26 North shore of Lake Erie for whimbrels and other late migrants. Time, place of meeting and leader to be announced.

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March, in a reversal of the usual adage, came in like a lamb and left like a lion. While the weather for the first two days was seasonal, a 70° reading was recorded on the 3rd of the month and temperatures remained above normal until the 12th. On that date, a cold mass of Canadian air brought below average temperatures which persisted until the end of the period. A record low temperature of 15° above zero was recorded on the 25th. The average temperature for the month was 33.0°, a departure of 0.9° from the norm. Precipitation for the month measured 3.19 inches and 12.9 inches of snow were recorded with accumulations exceeding three inches on both the 21st and the 23rd. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

With the high temperatures and southerly winds in the early part of the period, field observers were treated to a great rush of migratory activity with swans, Canada Geese and other waterfowl as well as a variety of other migrants reported from all points in the study area. On the 3rd, big flocks of migratory Red-wing Blackbirds and other icterids were reported from both the Lake Erie and Lake Ontario migration routes. On this date also, an excellent flight of Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks was observed at the Allegany Road observation point in the town of Hanover. That this 'false spring' was not without its mortal consequences can be illustrated by correspondence from Dr. Willard Stanley, emeritus professor of biology at the State University College at Fredonia, who reported a Least Bittern recovered in an exhausted condition in a backyard in Dunkirk on March 22nd following a snow storm. The bird subsequently died and now reposes in the collection at the State University College. This is a record early date for this species in this area, perhaps for the state and one can only speculate as to its presence. Was it lured into early migration by the warm weather of early March?

Other interesting records for March include a male European Goldfinch

at the residence of Mr. Mark Kidder at 81 North Davis Street in the Village of Orchard Park. The bird was seen by many observers most of the month while visiting a feeder in the Kidder's front yard. It is interesting to note that this feeder was stocked with thistle seeds and also attracted American Goldfinch and Pine Siskins.

Joseph F. Thill, 36 Allegany Avenue, Kenmore, N.Y. 14217

# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

* Common Loon	March	28F	1 Maple Springs, Chaut. L.	Sundell
Horned Grebe	"	5F	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	28	4 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
Pied-billed Grebe	"	4F	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	4,9	1 Belmont	Burtons, Pitzricks
Gr. Blue Heron	"	11	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	16	2 Scio	Burtons
Least Bittern	"	22	1 Dunkirk	Stanley
Whistling Swan	"	1-30	1 Belmont	Burtons, Ives
	"	2,3	52,50 Celoron, Chaut. L.	Elderkin, Sundell
	"	3-31	4-110 Iroquois NWR, Tonawanda	
			(Maximum on March 31)	WMA Morse, Rebovich, Wendlings, Wagner, Danner, Andrles, McKales, et al.
	"	10,24,31	3,42,28 Twp. of Clarence	McKales, et al.
	"	17	3 Nice Rd. Sinks, Newstead	Wendlings
	"	20	5 Nu Lake, Batavia	Seamans
	"	20	120 Cuba Lake and marsh	Burtons
	"	23	1 Freeman Rd., Orchard Fk	Valentine
	"	28	50 Burgeson Sanctuary	Elderkin
	"	30	8 North Java	Mitchell
	"	31	93 St. John, Orleans Co.	Klabundes

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Canada Goose	March	3F-31	Max. 35,145 (3/14)	Iroquois NWR Morse, et al. Tonawanda WMA
"	"	10	430 Stage Rd., Sink, Newstead	Wendlings
"	"	31	1000 Lakeside Pk. to St. John (Lake Ontario shore) (Numerous reports of flocks, 8 to 210 throughout area)	Klabundes
* Snow Goose (white)	"	10F-20	1-2 Iroquois NWR, Oak Orchard & Tonawanda WM areas	Olsen, Danner, Wagner, Wendlings, McKales, et al.
Snow Goose (blue)	"	10F	1 Tonawanda WMA	Wagner
"	"	18	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	20	4 Stafford's Pond, Oak Orchard	Danner
Gadwall	"	30	18 Iroquois NWR	Andrles
Pintail	"	5F	4 Oakfield Twp.	Seamans
"	"	15	2000 (max) Iroquois NWR	Morse
Green-w. Teal	"	10F	2 Tonawanda WMA	Wagner, et al.
* Blue-w. Teal	"	7F	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
"	"	11	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Fisher
* Shoveler	"	3F, 10	2 Tonawanda WMA	Heck, Wagner
"	"	20	1 Cuba Marsh	Burtens
"	"	29	5 Dunkirk	Rew
* Wood Duck	"	7F, 24	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Wagner
Ring-necked Duck	"	5F	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	20	35 Cuba Lake & Marsh	Burtens
* Lesser Scaup	"	25F	3 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	29	5 South Park Lake, Buffalo	Kikta
Oldsquaw	"	3	300 Niagara River, Lewiston	Klabundes
"	"	28	237 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
* Ruddy Duck	"	28F	13 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
Hooded Merganser	"	4F	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	23	19 Canadaway Cr. Sanc.	Valentine
"	"	28	30 Burgeson Sanctuary	Elderkin
"	"	28	63 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
* Turkey Vulture	"	17F	1 Arkwright	Rew
"	"	20	1 Iroquois NWR	Silvernail
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	19F	1 Amity Twp.	V. Pitzrick
"	"	20	1 Oak Orchard	Danner
"	"	21	1 Belmont	Burtens
Cooper's Hawk	"	1-31	1 Orchard Park	Saville
"	"	1-31	1 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	3	1 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	6	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Olsen

Red-should. Hawk	March	7F	2 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	30	2 East Aurora	Valentine
Rough-leg. Hawk	"	1	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	17,29	2,4 Kent Switch, South Dayton	Rew
"	"	24	1 Clarence Twp.	Wagner
American Coot	"	5F	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	16	8 Canadaway Cr.Sanc.	Valentine
*Amer. Woodcock	"	3F,4	1,4 N.Davis Rd.,Elma	Kikta
"	"	5	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
"	"	7	1 Hamburg	Andrle
*Common Snipe	"	9F	1 Near Wolcottsville	Rebovich
"	"	13	1 Tonawanda WMA	Morse
"	"	17	1 Cherry Creek	Rew
*Greater Yellowlegs	"	29F	1 Belmont	Burtens
*Pectoral Sandpiper	"	28F	2 Frewsburg	Elderkin
Glaucous Gull	"	8	1 Goat Island, Niagara Falls	Mitchell
"	"	17	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Iceland Gull	"	17	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
"	"	20	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Bourne
Bonaparte's Gull	"	10F-29	1-5 Amity Lake, Scio	R.Pitzrick, et al.
Snowy Owl	"	11	2 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle
"	"	15	1 Buffalo Harbor	Rew
"	"	27	1 Lakewood	Sundell, Moe, Lennas
*Long-eared Owl	"	16	2 Burgeson Sanctuary	Sundell, Richardson, Kibler
"	"	18	1 Olean (Dor)	Eaton, Waruch
Short-eared Owl	"	24	1 Oak Crchard	Wagner
"	"	29	1 South Dayton	Rew
*Saw-whet Owl	"	21F	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Belted Kingfisher	"	1-31	2-4 Belmont to Scio	Burtens, V.Pitzrick
"	"	2,3	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	"	23	1 Orchard Park	Valentine
Red-bellied Wdpkr.	March	1-31	2 W. Batavia	Seamans
"	"	2	1 Northrup Rd., Elma	Kikta
*Phoebe	"	21F	2 Amity Lake	Hampton
*Tree Swallow	"	31F	1 Shadigee	Klabundes
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-31	1 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	"	16	2 Canadaway Cr.Sanctuary	Rew, Valentine
"	"	24,28	1,2 Northrup Rd., Elma	Kikta
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	7-31	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
"	"	11	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	15	1 Orchard Park	Saville
"	"	20	1 Jamestown	Sundell
Carolina Wren	"	6-24	1 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	14	1 Stow	Sundell

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Mockingbird	March	25-31	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Robin	"	9F	1	East Aurora	Valentine
	"	22	20	Near Falconer	Elderkin
Hermit Thrush	"	9	1	Buffalo	Wilcove
Eastern Bluebird	"	7-31	1-2	Amity Lake	Pitzricks, et al.
	"	23	2	Canadaway Cr., Sanctuary	Valentine
*Water Pipit	"	25F	3	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	29	2	Stockton	Rew
Northern Shrike	"	2, 24	1	Clarence Twp.	McKales, Wagner
	"	6, 10, 16	1	N. Davis Rd., Elma	Kikta
	"	31	1	Oak Orchard area	Wilcove, Goodman
Loggerhead Shrike	"	29	1	Langford	Rew
	"	31	1	Oak Orchard area	Wilcove, Goodman
Eastern Meadowlark	"	5	1	N. Davis Rd., Elma	Kikta
	"	7	1, 2	Alfred, Amity Lake	Klingensmith, V. Pitzrick
Red-w. Blackbird	"	3	100	Four-Mile Creek State Park	Klabundes
Rusty Blackbird	"	21F	6	Belmont	Burtions
	"	25	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Common Grackle	"	3	1-2	Williamsville, Iroquois NWR, Ft. Erie, Ont.	Mitchell, Morse, Sommerville
Brown-h. Cowbird	"	1	6	Belmont	Burtions
	"	5	20	Williamsville	Mitchell
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-31	50-60	Belmont	Burtions
	"	3-24	10-40	Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	1-31	1-20	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	9-30	1-36	East Aurora	Valentine
	"	23	45	Jamestown	Sundell
Purple Finch	"	1-31	1-6	Hamburg, Belmont, Alfred, Amity Lake, Jamestown	Several observers
House Finch	"	1-31	up to 30	Eggertsville	Ward
*European Goldfinch	"	1F-31	1	Orchard Park (f)	Mitchell, Kidder
*Hoary Redpoll	"	5F-31	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
Common Redpoll	"	1-31	1-5	Orchard Park	Saville
	"	4	1	Belmont	Burtions
	"	5-31	max. 13	Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	8-30	1-19	East Aurora	Valentine
	"	10	15	Clarence Twp.	McKales
	"	12, 28, 30	2, 31, 2	Elma	Kikta
	"	24	6	Batavia Twp.	Seamans
	"	24-31	4-5	Jamestown (f)	Sundell
	"	25	50	Fletcher Chapel Rd., Shelby	Olsen, Morse
Pine Siskin	"	5-31	2-5	Belmont	Burtions
	"	24	2	Jamestown	Sundell
	"	30	1	Orchard Park (f)	Valentine, Kidder
Amer. Goldfinch	"	1-31	1-50	Belmont, Lewiston, Amity Lake, Orchard Pk., East Aurora	Burtions, Klabundes, Pitzricks, Saville, Valentine

Rufous-s. Towhee	March	1-31	1 Orchard Park (f)	Saville
Savannah Sparrow	"	<u>22,23,24</u>	1 Beaver Meadow	Bigelow
Field Sparrow	"	1-31	1 Orchard Park (f)	Saville
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	"	1-31	6-12 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	1-31	3 Orchard Park (f)	Saville
	"	9	1 Buffalo	Wilcove
*Fox Sparrow	"	25F-30	1 Belmont	Burtens
	"	28	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
Lapland Longspur	"	25	10 Posson Rd., Shelby	Olsen
Snow Bunting	"	3	3 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	24	175-200 Marilla	Danner
	"	24	300 Batavia, Oakfield,	
			Alabama	Seaman
	"	24	8 Royalton Twp.	Wagner
	"	25	500 Posson Rd., Shelby	Olsen, Morse

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . 105 \*

Additional species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . 20

Total to date . . . . . 125

\* Includes Canvasback, reported but not listed in January records.

# GOOD MANNERS, GOOD BIRDING

by Sam Gadd

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Like many of you, I go into the field for the sounds of nature--bird-song, the wind in the trees, the chorusing of frogs--as much as for the game of bird-listing. If I'm alone, or with one or two friends, the experience is always a joy.

Not so when I'm in the midst of a large field party--a babble of birders, to coin a collective noun.

We halt along the roadside. People pile out of their cars--slam those doors! --and advance on the tour leader, shouting "What've you got? Where is it?" If the leader can be heard above the mob, he may succeed in directing our attention to a bird we've all wanted to see--and hear. But at my elbow someone is already declaiming: "I saw one last year in Arizona. Or was it in Tennessee? No, it was three years ago, when George and I . . . ." (Who the hell cares!) In mid-sentence, the bird has flown. I find myself saying "Please shut up and listen!" A heavy silence, lasting three blessed seconds, follows. On the way back to the car a neophyte birder tells me, dejectedly, "I never did find out what we were supposed to be looking at."



The mark of the boorish birder is his desire to impress others. He is noisily "with it". Usually he has little information to convey; so he conveys raw ego. He is the bane of serious, well-mannered, knowledgeable people.

Is he entirely to blame? I think not. The real blame lies with the experienced birders themselves. They have failed to lay down the ground rules: the stalker's rule of silence, together with a few other dicta that make all the difference between enjoyment and fiasco.

Every field party should have a firm commander. At the outset he should make the rules quite clear. I'll list ten of them with explanations. (They could be expressed more tersely and mimeographed or printed on cards; then the leader could ask, "Is everyone familiar with the"--naming the club--"rules?" and give copies to the novices and strangers.)

1. The leader informs everyone, at the start, what the first main stop is to be and where the party will be gathering for lunch. Throughout the day he always names the next intended stop. (This may spare him the annoyance of being asked, over and over, "What's this place called?")

2. If you are driving one of the cars, you are responsible for the car just behind yours.

- a. If you come to a crossroads or a turnoff, be sure the next car is in sight. If it isn't, wait for it.
- b. Car breakdowns, accidents, and sickness do occur. So does the discovery of a rare bird by people in a car at or near the end of the entourage. If, after a long wait, the car behind yours still hasn't come into view, drive on until the car ahead of yours can be seen; then signal to it--wave something white--until you get a reply. Having stopped that car, turn around and go back in search of the missing car. Meanwhile the signal is carried forward, from car to car, to the tour leader, who will investigate.

3. If the car ahead of yours stops to look at a bird, you stop, too--close behind, and cautiously. Someone in the first car points to the bird and calls back to you: "Sprague's Pipit on the fence," for example. And you pass that word back to the car that has pulled up behind you. Everybody stays in the cars unless the leader gets out.

4. At a main stop or at a brief stop for a general look-around or an unexpected pursuit, the tour leader gets out and beckons to the others. Pull up, get out, walk quietly to him, gather around, and listen to him.

5. Whenever the party is afoot, brief conversations in low tones are appropriate but silence is preferable. (This isn't a social occasion.) For the only permissible full-voiced remarks, see rule 7.

6. If anyone stops walking--to look or to listen--and you're nearby, you stop too. Don't move until that person has resumed walking.

7. If you see a bird, call it to the attention of the others, tersely and in a strong voice, thus:

- a. Speak your guess as to what it might be, if a name flashes into your mind; do this without hesitation. If you guess wrong, it doesn't matter: we all make mistakes on first call. But if the bird is a rarity and you happen to be right, everyone will have been alerted.
- b. Call out "Flying!" or "Sitting!" Complete the directions with a succinct phrase, such as "sky, high up, overhead" or "below the skyline across the valley" or "going into the brushpile" or "tip of the big spruce" or "on the ground near the fencepost". Sometimes--for a distant waterbird or hawk, perhaps--it's best to give a backsight: "slightly to the right of the farmhouse" or "below the notch in the hill". If the bird is in a tree or a bush, give the quadrant: "top left", "low center". Avoid pointing, which may alarm the bird.

The whole point of rule 7 is this: no one within calling distance of the finder of a bird should ever have to ask "Where?"

8. If the party is spreading out or if you wish to leave the party, tell the person nearest you where you're going. Then, if you don't show up when the party has reassembled, someone will know where you went to break your ankle, suffer snakebite, or conk out with heat-stroke.

9. Reserve an agreed-on sound for summoning others, in case of a good find or when it's time to reassemble. "Yo!" is far-carrying.

10. If you are "shushing" or "squeaking" for a bird, do so in a regular series of four: "ss---ss---ss---ss." Thus, others won't mistake the sound for the notes of a real bird.

End of rules . . . unless you'd like to add one or two. I need only add that these rules apply as well to a party of two as a party of twenty.

One further thought about the gabble problem: Americans are terribly afraid of speaking up when they're being annoyed. Don't be! Let Shakespeare's

progression, from the Retort Courteous to the Countercheck Quarrelsome, be your guide. Pointedly ignoring the yakker often suffices; but if he's shown himself to be a complete ass, tell him so. (And no hard feelings, at least on your part, afterward!) You'll be doing everyone a favor--including the bubbly birder, if he hopes to be welcome, ever again, in your good company.

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#### ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

##### CLARENCE SINKS and OAK ORCHARD AREA TRIP

The main objective of the field trip on Sunday, March 31st was to observe migrating geese and waterfowl. There was a very sharp, penetrating wind along with a steady misty rainfall all day. At times there was snow along with the rain which melted upon hitting the ground.

Such a striking contrast with most other years! -- when many thousands of geese and ducks have been observed on such an excursion thru this "stopping-off" area of their migration route. But where were they this day? We would be grossly exaggerating if we said we saw a total of 1500 Canada Geese! The majority of these were feeding and resting in protected areas of the fields, although there was plenty of open water and no ice anywhere. Normally there would be many hundreds of Pintails, but we saw very few. One male Green-w. Teal was among the few Pintail in the Clarence area. One lone sleeping Canada Goose and one very proud male Hooded Merganser who played hide-and-seek between the islands were the only occupants of the acres of water at Cayuga Pool Overlook. This was the trend of the day!

There were 28 Whistling Swans on Steiner Rd., Clarence and many more than 100 swans on the Tonawanda WMA. We could observe 32 of them from the parking area here while the rest were feeding and resting in more secluded areas well back from Route #77. There were about a dozen Blue-w. Teal puddling in the grassy areas along Meadville Road in the Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area. We saw 3 Shovelers and very few ducks commonly thought of as wintering species such as Redhead, Canvasback, Goldeneye and Bufflehead. Only one scaup was observed all day and most of the few Ring-n. Ducks were along Sour Springs Rd. About 6 Gadwall were seen there also. A few of this species now nest in the Oak Orchard area.

A Loggerhead Shrike was seen by several people. A Great Horned Owl was very cooperative in showing us her ear tufts and white throat while turning her head from side to side as she sat upright in her nest in the Clarence area. We were pleased to see as many as 10 Kestrels throughout the area. As usual the number of Red-tailed Hawks doubled the number of Kestrels with 20 being observed; 4 of these were perched in one tree until we stopped the car nearby.

An occasional Song Sparrow's song, the cheery "ka-ree-o-lee" of a few Red-w. Blackbirds and the "streaky" notes of too many Grackles reminded us that this was supposed to be Spring. But the finding of an occasional small flock of Tree Sparrows also reminded us that Winter was still with us. Many thanks to all who cheerfully joined us at such an early hour in the morning and whose constant enthusiasm throughout the trip brought much sunshine into such a dreary day.

Alice and Willard McKale, 89 Larch Road, Eggertsville, N.Y. 14226

#### NOTES

#### BREEDING BIRD SURVEYS ON MINI-ROUTES

If you can readily identify the birds in your area and recognize most by song and/or call notes, your talent is needed in carrying out a breeding bird survey by the Mini-Route procedure any day in the month of June.

Purpose: To obtain an index of abundance of breeding birds. This manner of checking breeding birds has been shown to be highly reproducible in tests run by the Bureau of Fisheries & Wildlife and is the best known method to measure changes in abundance that result from such factors as changes in land use and widespread applications of pesticides.

Definition of Mini-Route: A Mini-Route run will consist of 25 stops one half mile apart at which all birds heard or seen by one observer in a period of three (3) minutes are recorded. The observations at the first stop will begin at 5:10 A.M. The location of the first stop and the 12 mile route to be followed is left to the discretion of the individual. One precaution; it is best to avoid traveling on major roads where traffic noises interfere. Likewise the run should be made under favorable weather conditions, namely: (1), in the absence of fog, steady drizzle or prolonged rain, and (2), when the wind is less than 10 m.p.h. Rain and high wind, not only affect bird activity but also make both visual and audio observations difficult. So this same run can be repeated in future years, the route and all stops must be defined using a road map or BOS Sectional Maps. Each Mini-Route will be designated by the location of the starting point using BOS Section number followed by the coordinates of the starting point. (An improbable Mini-Route starting at Niagara Square in the city of Buffalo would be designated as (11-0-4).

Equipment & Procedure: Pencils, notebook, description of route stops, binoculars, watch with second hand, thermometer and car with gasoline. To carry out a run the observer should have an assistant(s) to help with the recording, timing and/or driving. It is also suggested that scouting runs be made so that the party familiarize themselves with the route, stops and birds along the route. To simplify recording a notebook should be prepared. A column for each stop should have space for stop number, time, and mileage, and sufficient space for noting a maximum of 20 species (usual observations may range from 5 to 18 with 8 to 14 being normal.) Temperature, sky conditions and wind should be recorded at

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beginning and end of run. Two exceptions are permissible in the rules: (1) if a stop is near a crossing of a major highway where traffic noises may interfere, locate the stop up to 0.2 mi. further along; (2) if a noisy vehicle passes during a stop extend your stopping time by one minute. To avoid confusion of true sun rise time all Mini-Route runs will start at 5:10 A.M. DST. Normally you should be able to make 12 stops per hour. Thus the run should be completed by 7:15 A.M. Summarize your tallies on a regular BOS check list showing the number of each species recorded in the A column and the number of stops in which the species were recorded in the B column. Include information on weather, date and name of observer and assistant(s) in designated places. Also attach a complete description of the route and stops. Mail the results to Walter Klabunde, 4923 Creed Rd., Lewiston, N.Y. 14092 before July 5th.

PROFANETARY TO BE ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 9th

A request is being made by 'Hugh Guess', sometime editor of THE PROFANETARY, the humorous parody of this Newsletter, issued once every five years for the BOS Anniversary Banquet, for news announcements (spurious, of course), 'not-worthy' records, rarer bird alerts, editorial quips, one-liners, two-liners, parodies, ads, poems (doggerel only), observations on bird (or birder) behavior, recommendations for the Research Committee, longer pieces on various aspects of birds and birding, drawings, cartoons, or anything else that sharp minds, clever tongues, and skillful hands (not to mention bird brains) can invent. If signed: nom de plume only, Please!

Please send these contributions to Marie Wendling (who is not the editor) 87 Garrison Road, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221 - or hand them to her surreptitiously. Also send this material as soon as you can after you write it down. Do not allow it to become diluted by second thoughts.

(Anyone unfamiliar with THE PROFANETARY and wishing to examine a copy may be shown it upon request.)

Early Woodcock -- Again

by Vivian Pitzrick

With advent of a few warm days in early March, on the 7th my husband did it again: about a half hour after sunset, he came rushing in exclaiming, "They're here!"

We had been talking about Woodcock for several days, even listening for them evenings. When we went outside on the 7th, almost immediately overhead we heard the "twittering". Then soon nearby came the "Pzzzt" from the ground. I imitated the harsh call and three others answered from areas a little

farther away.

The following evening Ray and I again heard the Woodcock calling and he saw two when out for his walk. We also heard them on the 11th, 12th and 14th.

Last year it was March 6th that we heard the first Woodcock of the season, my husband hearing the first call and summoning me outside to hear it. I haven't seen the typical borings \* in the ground yet this year, and as I write this March 25th, 1974, I worry about this angleworm eater because at 6 A.M. today our thermometer outside registered 4° below 0°F!

\* Borings were seen in lawn March 30th.

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#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September through June inclusive, at 8:00 p.m. in the Society's clubrooms in the Buffalo Museum of Science.

May 22 - Birding adventures in Africa and the Island of Madagascar.  
An illustrated talk by B.O.S. member Edward Williams, describing his experience in a trip to Africa in 1973.

June 12th - Picnic Supper at Old Fort Erie, Ontario; 6:30 p.m. Report on May Bird Count.

#### PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

May 26 - North shore of Lake Erie for Whimbrels and other lake migrants.  
Leader: Mr. Edward Williams. Contact Walter Klabunde at PL4-4424 for other information. Meet at Busti Avenue entrance to Peace Bridge at 7:30 a.m.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler: Mr. Robert M. Wagner, 4325 Circle Court, Williamsville, New York 14221.

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## THE MONTH

April was a month of widely varying weather patterns as is normal for these climes at this season. The first few days of the period saw fine spring weather with temperatures reaching  $72^{\circ}$  on the 4th. Thus, those observers who started out on the April Bird Count on the 7th had reason to feel they would enjoy a good day's birding and tally many migrants on their lists. These hopes were rudely dashed by a violent wind storm late in the morning of that date, bringing heavy rains which turned to snow in the rapidly falling temperatures which followed the weather front. Unseasonably cold weather persisted until the 11th but the rest of the month was seasonable until the last four days when very warm temperatures returned to end the period on a summer-like note. Precipitation measured 3.15 inches, average for the period, while snowfall totaled 7.1 inches, mostly in the heavy falls of 2.6 inches and 3.0 inches on the 7th and 9th days. The high temperature of the month was  $76^{\circ}$  on the 28th. (Meteorological data as recorded at the Buffalo International Airport.)

It was an excellent month for bird migration. The spring passage of Broad-winged Hawks and other raptors was one of the most rewarding in recent years from the point of view of the occasional bird watcher. Good movements were reported on the 21st and the 28th days, both weekend dates. On the 21st, the temperature reached  $74^{\circ}$  and a southerly flow of wind early in the day triggered a large flight of Broad-winged and Sharp-shinned Hawks along the south shore of Lake Erie with good numbers of hawks also in evidence moving in a westerly direction at Fort Niagara State Park near Lake Ontario. A smaller flight was reported under much similar weather conditions the following weekend. The land bird migration was also rewarding with good flights of warblers and other passerines reported from all sections of the study area with the advent of very warm weather during the last week in April.

Among interesting records for the month was a pair of House Finches observed by Robert Wagner near a residence on Heath Street in North Buffalo, a new locality for this adventive species in our study area. Although these birds were observed on several occasions, apparently they did not stay to nest.

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# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Horned Grebe	Apr.	2	2800 Oak Orchard GMA	Meddaugh
	"	2	250 Iroquois MWR	Morse
Gr.Blue Heron	"	13	2 pair nesting Cuba	Keoples
	"	21	18 Over Allegany Rd.	
			Irving	Andrle, et al.
	"	27	9 Over Allegany Rd.,	
			Irving	Andrle, et al.
*Green Heron	"	21F	1 Belmont	Burtons
	"	26	1 Burgeson Sanct.	
			Frewsburg	Elderkins
*Great Egret	"	12F	1 Wiscoy	M. Pitzrick
	"	16,18	1 Wellsville	Burtons
	"	28	1 Hartson Rd.,	
			Falconer	Elderkin
	"	30	1 Rice Rd., Elma	Danner
Bl.-cr.Night Heron	:	13F	2 Iroquois MWR	Morse
	"	21	1 Lyndonville	Smith
*Amer. Bittern	"	12F	2 Cuba Swamp	Keoples
	"	21	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
Whistling Swan	"	1	253 Cuba Lake & Marsh	Burtons
	"	3,19,30	24,16,1 Langford	Bourne
	"	6,8,9-30	23,2,11 Cuba Lake	Keoples
	"	13	4 Tonawanda WMA	Andrle, et al.
	"	16	2 Alma Pond	Burtons



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Canada Goose	Apr. 3, 10, 17, 25	19,870, 29,200, 18,720, 23,600	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Snow Goose	" 16L	1	Barker	Thill
Shoveler	" 1,8	1,2	Cuba Marsh	Burtons, Keoples
"	" 1	6	Burgeson Sanct.	
"	"		Frewsburg	Elderkin
"	" 3	5	Langford	Rochester, Webb
Ring-necked Duck	" 8	80	Cuba Marsh	Keoples
White-w. Scoter	" 28	1	40 Mile Creek State Park	Klabundes
Ruddy Duck	" 1	1	Cuba Marsh	Burtons
"	" 3	13	Mayville, Chaut. L.	Elderkin, Pillsbury
"	" 11	54	Mayville, Chautauqua L.	Sundell
"	" 11	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Hooded Merganser	" 7	16	Beaver Meadow	Bigelow
"	" 8	24	Cuba Lake	Keoples
Red-br. Merganser	" 27	95	Canadaway Cr. Sanct.	Valentine, Patterson
Turkey Vulture	" 3	51	Over Allegany Rd.	
"	"		Irving	Rochester, Webb
"	" 3	1,5	Over Cheektowaga, Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	" 13	15	Over Town of Evans	Andrle, et al.
"	" 13	1	Over Hamburg	Bourne
"	" 14	19	Over Allegany Rd.	
"	"		Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	" 20, 21, 27	8, 3, 4	Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	" 21, 27	8, 3	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
*Goshawk	" 6	1	Allegany County	Pitzricks
"	" 16	2	Alma Twp.	Burtons
Sharp-sh. Hawk	" 3	7	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Rochester, Webb
"	" 13	7	Over Town of Evans	Andrle, et al.
"	" 14	90	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	" 16	1	Cuba	Keoples
"	" 17	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	" 20	10	Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	" 21	107-42	Over Allegany Rd., Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	" 21	24	Hamburg, Evans	Wagner, et al.
"	" 21	133	Ft. Niagara State Pk.	Thills
"	" 21	12	Canadaway Cr., Sanc.	Valentines, Harrington
"	" 22, 28	1	Belmont	Burtons
"	" 25	18	Over Town of Evans	Andrle, et al.
"	" 27	7; 23	Over Allegany Rd., Hamburg	Andrle, et al.

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Sharp-sh. Hawk	Apr.	27	9	Over Allegany Rd.	Sundell, et al.
"	"	28	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	28	17	Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
Cooper's Hawk	Apr.	6	1	Cuba	Keoples
"	"	10	1	Iroquois NWR	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	14	1	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	16	1	East Eden	Bourne
"	"	17,21	1,1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	20	1	Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	21	5	Canadaway Drk. Sanc.	Valentines, Harrington
"	"	27	1	Over Allegany Rd., Hanover	Sundell, et al.
"	"	28	1	Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
Red-tailed Hawk	"	3	10	Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	3	17	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Rochester, Webb
"	"	13	15	Over Town of Evans	Andrle, et al.
"	"	14,21	25,11	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	20,27	14,19	Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
Red-should. Hawk	"	3	8	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Rochester, Webb
"	"	7	2	Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	14	9	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
*Broad-winged Hawk	"	13F	1	Beaver Meadow	Bigelow, et al.
"	"	16	1,1	Town of Alma, Town of Wirt	Burtons
"	"	20;21	30;234	Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	21	1978	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	21	31	Over Hamburg, Evans	Wagner, et al.
"	"	21	230	Ft. Niagara State Pk.	Thills
"	"	21	41	Canadaway Cr. Sanc.	Valentines, Harrington
"	"	21,28	2,1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	23	1	East Cuba	Keoples
"	"	25	12	Over Town of Evans	Andrle, et al.
"	"	26	1	Frewsburg	Elderkin
"	"	27	43	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	27	115	Over Allegany Rd., Hanover	Sundell, et al.
"	"	27	7	Brant	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	27	2	Canadaway Cr. Sanc.	Valentine, Patterson
"	"	27	5	Lyndonville	Smith
"	"	27,28	343,132	Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	30	1	Over Springbrook	Danner

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Rough-leg. Hawk	April	14	1	Allegany Rd.,Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	19	1	Cuba	Keoples
"	"	21L	1	Cuba	Keoples
*Bald Eagle	"	3F	1	Allegany Rd.,Irving	Rochester,Webb
"	"	16	1	Lyndonville	Smith
"	"	19	1	Springwater	V.Pitzrick
"	"	21	1	Allegany Rd.,Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	21	1	Ft.Niagara State Pk.	Thills
Marsh Hawk	"	1	5	Langford	Rochester,Pruss.
"	"	13	10	Town of Evans	Andrle,et al.
"	"	14	5	Allegany Rd.,Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	21	2	Allegany Rd.,Irving	Andrle, et al.
*Osprey	"	1F	1	Langford	Rochester,Pruss
"	"	12,14	1	Beaver Meadow	Bigelow
"	"	13	1	Bay View,Tn.of Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	13	2	Burgeson Sanct., Frewsburg	Elderkin
"	"	13	1	Canadaway Cr.Sanc.	Valentine
"	"	14,21,27	2,2,1	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	19,30	1,1	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	27	1	Amity Lake	Pitzricks,Hampton
"	"	27,28	3,3	Village of Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	30	1	Tonawanda WMA	Morse
Sparrow Hawk	"	1	14	Langford	Rochester,Pruss
"	"	3	10	Allegany Rd.,Irving	Rochester,Webb
Turkey	"	7	4	Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	14	8	Cuba,Oil Springs	Keoples
"	"	24	1	Frewsburg	Elderkin
*Sora	"	21F	2	Tillman Rd.,Clarence	McKales
*Common Gallinule	"	28F	2,1	Porter,Wilson	McKales
*Upland Sandpiper	"	18F	1	Hickox Rd.,Eden	Bourne
"	"	21	6	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle,et al.
*Spotted Sandpiper	"	25F	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	28	2	4-Mile Cr.State Pk.	Klabundes
*Solitary Sandpiper	"	21F	2	Allegany Rd.,Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	26	1	Iroquois NWR	Heck,Morse
Greater Yellowlegs	"	1	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
*Lesser Yellowlegs	"	21F	3	Nice Rd.,Clarence	McKales
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	14	180	Over Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	18	50	Tonawanda WMA	Morse,Rebovich
"	"	21	115	Clarence Sinks	McKales
*Dunlin	"	18F	1	Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
Glaucous Gull	"	23	1	Athol Springs	Bourne

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Bonaparte's Gull	Apr.	21	2000 Ft. Niagara State Pk.	Thills
Common Tern	"	21	3 Ft. Niagara State Pk.	Thills
	"	21	3 Silver Creek	Wagner, et al.
*Caspian Tern	"	19F	11 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle
	"	24	4 Buffalo Harbor	Valentine, Byron
*Black Tern	"	28F	8 Mud Lake, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Snowy Owl	"	2	1 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle
	"	4	1 Maple Rd., Amherst	McKales
	"	12	1 Lewiston, Riverdale Cemetery	Klabundes
	"	24L	1 Buffalo Harbor	Valentine, Byron
Long-eared Owl	"	29	1 Burgeson Sanct. Frewsburg	Elderkin, et al.
Short-eared Owl	"	7	8 Rte. 77 nr. Tonawanda WMA	Morse, Rebovich
*Chimney Swift	"	21F	1 Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
	"	28	3 Jamestown	Sundell
*Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	"	29F	1 Cuba Lake	Keoples
Red-headed Wdpkr.	"	28	1 4-Mile Creek State Pk.	Klabundes
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	"	14F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	14F	6 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
Phoebe	"	14F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
*Least Flycatcher	"	29F	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
Tree Swallow	"	1	5 Iroquois NWR	
	"	1	3 Langford	Rochester, Pruss
*Bank Swallow	"	21F	1 Clarence	McKales
*Rough-w. Swallow	"	14F	1 Allegany Rd., Irving	Andrle, et al.
	"	17	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Barn Swallow	"	12	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
*Cliff Swallow	"	25F	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
*Purple Martin	"	3F	4 Iroquois NWR	Silvernail
	"	4	1 Greenhurst, Chaut. Lake	Sundell
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-30	1-2 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	12	1 BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	1	1 Orchard Park	Saville
	"	9	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
*House Wren	"	25F	1 Town of Amity	R. Bitzrick
	"	26	1 Hamburg, Spring Brook, Cuba, Iroquois NWR, Orchard Park	Keoples, Olsen, Bourne, Danner, Saville
Winter Wren	"	6F	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
	"	7	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
Carolina Wren	"	1-30	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	21	1 18-Mile Creek at Lake Shore Rd.	Wagner, et al.
	"	25	1 Lighthouse Pt., Chaut. L.	Sundell
	"	27	1 Irving	Mitchell, Sundell, et al.

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Carolina Wren	Apr.	30	1 New Oregon	Bourne
Mockingbird	"	12	1 Grand Island	Klabundes
	"	24	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	28	1 Wilson	McKales
Brown Thrasher	"	13	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
*Wood Thrush	"	25F	1 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne
Hermit Thrush	"	1F	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
*Swainson's Thrush	"	28F	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Bluebird	"	1-30	1-5 8 localities	Several observers
*Bl.-gr. Gnatcatcher	"	17F	1 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne
	"	21	1 Iroquois NWR	McKales
*Ruby-cr. Kinglet	"	4F	5 Spring Brook	Danner
Water Pipit	"	9	8 Cuba area	Keoples
	"	9	1 Jamestown	Sundell
	"	24	20 Rice Rd., Elma	Danner
Loggerhead Shrike	"	4	1 Oak Orchard GMA	Rochester, Pruss.
	"	14	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	26	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
*Solitary Vireo	"	21F	1 Jamestown	Sundell
	"	26	1 Burgeson Sanct., Frewsburg	Elderkin
*Bl.-&-w. Warbler	"	28F	1,1 4-Mile Cr. State Park, Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	29	1 Frewsburg	Pillsbury
*Nashville Warbler	"	28F	1-2 4-Mile Cr.; Buffalo; Canadian Shore	Wagner, et al.
*Yellow Warbler	"	25F	1 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne
	"	28	1;1 Irving; Spring Brook	Andrle, Danner, et al.
*Cape May Warbler	"	30F	1 Cuba	Keoples
Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	17F	1 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne
	"	21	3 18-Mile Cr., at Lake Shore Rd.	Wagner, et al.
*Bl.-thr.-Gr. Warbler	"	25F	1 Chautauqua	Sundell
	"	28	2;1 Alfred; Ft. Erie, Ont.	Klingensmith; Wagner, et al.
*Cerulean Warbler	"	30F	1 Buffalo	Andrle
*Blackburnian Warbler	"	29F	1 Frewsburg	Elderkin, Pillsbury
	"	30	1 Jamestown	Sundell
Pine Warbler	"	21F	1;1 Sturgeon Point	Wagner, Wendlings, et al.
	"	21F	1 Acacia Pk. Pendleton	McKales
	"	27	1 Hamburg	Bourne
*Palm Warbler	"	25F	1 Maple Springs	Sundell
	"	27	1 Hickox Rd.	Bourne

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*Northern Waterthrush Apr.	28F	1 Tiff St., Buffalo	Andrle
*Northern Oriole	" 28F	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	29	1 Burgeson Sanc.	
		Frewsburg	Elderkin
Rusty Blackbird	" 9	150 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
*Dickcissel	" 30	1 Town of Busti (f)	Pillsbury, Elderkins
Evening Grosbeak	" 1-30	1-60 9 localities	Several observers
House Finch	" 1-30 up to 30	Eggertsville	Wares
"	17-30	2 North Buffalo	Wagner
Common Redpoll	" 1-6	2 Orchard Park	Saville
"	3-8	3-1 Lewiston	Klabundes
"	6,14L	3-2 East Aurora	Valentine
Pine Siskin	" 15	2 Beaver Meadow	Bigelow
"	25,27	2,5 Stow (f), Irving	Sundell, et al.
"	27	7 Evans	Mitchell, et al.
"	27-31	1-6 Orchard Park	Saville
"	30	1 Cuba (f)	Keoples
Red Crossbill	" 30	5 Rockwoods Rd., Boston	Bourne
White-w. Crossbill	" 22-30	3-11 Hamburg	Rochester, Frye
*Vesper Sparrow	" 4F	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	7	16 Cuba	Keoples
Tree Sparrow	" 28	1 Hamburg	Andrle
"	30	10;1;1 Belmont; Busti (f)	Burtions; Sundell,
		East Aurora	Pillsbury; Valentine
*Chipping Sparrow	" 8F	1 Cuba	Keoples
"	13;30	1;2 Belmont	Burtions
Field Sparrow	" 3	1 East Eden	Bourne
White-cr. Sparrow	" 17F	1 Cuba (f)	Keoples
"	28	1 Hamburg, Belmont,	Andrles, Burtions,
		Eggertsville, Amity	McKales, V. Pitzrick,
		Lake, Buffalo	Wilcove
Swamp Sparrow	" 1F	2 Cuba Marsh	Keoples
"	3	3 Iroquois NWR	Olsen

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 127\*

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 46

Total to date . . . . . 173

\* Includes Savannah Sparrow and Field Sparrow  
Not marked as firsts for the year in March

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Report of April Bird Count

Compiled by Gail Seamans

\* New Species for year

Date: April 7, 1974

Weather: See Comments in 'The Month' on page 47 of this issue

Areas Covered: All except 17 and 24

Note: Numbers in parenthesis following counts indicate section where species was observed in 3 or less territories.

SPECIES

Loons - Mergansers

Common Loon	39
Horned Grebe	159
Pied-b. Grebe	90
Great Blue Heron	98
*Bl.-c. Night Heron	5 (2)
Whistling Swan	222
Canada Goose	13,736
Mallard	648
Black Duck	206
Gadwall	28
Pintail	224
Green-w. Teal	142
Blue-w. Teal	494
American Widgeon	104
Shoveler	55
Wood Duck	76
Redhead	237
Ring-n. Duck	423
Canvasback	1225
Greater Scaup	4956
Lesser Scaup	3130
Common Goldeneye	287
Bufflehead	1,044
Oldsquaw	311
King Eider	2 (11)
White-w. Scoter	16
Ruddy Duck	71

Loons - Mergansers cont.

Hooded Merganser	174
Common Merganser	123
Red-Br. Merganser	287

Vultures - Rails

Turkey Vulture	37
Sharp-sh. Hawk	11
Cooper's Hawk	13
Red-t. Hawk	206
Red-sh. Hawk	20
Rough-leg. Hawk	3(14,27)
Marsh Hawk	18
Sparrow Hawk	240
Ruffed Grouse	16
Ring-n. Pheasant	131
Turkey	51
American Coot	266

Shorebirds

Killdeer	629
Amer. Woodcock	27
Common Snipe	75
Greater Yellowlegs	6
Rectoral Sandpiper	15(19,22)

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Jaegers - Owls

Glaucous Gull	1 (9)
Iceland Gull	1 (3)
Gr. Black-b. Gull	13 (5,9,11)
Herring Gull	2,136
Ring-billed Gull	3,433
Bonaparte's Gull	5,459
Little Gull	3 (3)
*Common Tern	1 (20)
Rock Dove	1,026
Mourning Dove	699
Screech Owl	5 (28)
Great-Horned Owl	10
Short-eared Owl	7 (12)

Whip-poor-wills - Creepers

Belted Kingfisher	78
Yellow-sh. Flicker	159
Pileated Woodpecker	13
Red-bellied Woodpecker	14 (13,19,22)
Red-headed Woodpecker	11 (28)
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	3 (13,22,26)
Hairy Woodpecker	190
Downy Woodpecker	363
Eastern Phoebe	124
Horned Lark	
<u>E.a. alpestris</u>	7 (9,12)
<u>E.a. praticola</u>	230
Tree Swallow	392
*Barn Swallow	1 (7)
Purple Martin	6 (23,25)
Blue Jay	882
Common Crow	2,832
Black-capped Chickadee	1,251
Tufted Titmouse	26
White-breasted Nuthatch	325
Red-breasted Nuthatch	24
Brown Creeper	42

Wrens - Vireos

Winter Wren	17
Carolina Wren	8
Mockingbird	2 (3)
*Gray Catbird	1 (14)
*Brown Thrasher	2 (14,26)
American Robin	10,516

Wrens - Vireos cont.

Hermit Thrush	3 (6,26,28)
Eastern Bluebird	38
Golden-crowned Kinglet	280
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4 (7,14)
Water Pipit	29
Cedar Waxwing	85
Northern Shrike	3 (5,19,22)
Loggerhead Shrike	2 (5)
Starling	24,472

Warblers - House Sparrows

Yellow-rumped Warbler	2 (27,28)
House Sparrow	2,840

Icterids - Fringillids

Eastern Meadowlark	349
Red-w. Blackbird	19,539
Rusty Blackbird	103
Common Grackle	45,600
Brown-headed Cowbird	4,399
Cardinal	605
Evening Grosbeak	1,411
Purple Finch	95
Common Redpoll	57
Pine Siskin	15
American Goldfinch	562
Red Crossbill	5 (14)
White-w. Crossbill	15
Rufous-sided Towhee	11
Savannah Sparrow	102
Vesper Sparrow -	72
Dark-eyed Junco -	6,094
Tree Sparrow -	
Chipping Sparrow -	100
Field Sparrow -	34
White crowned Sparrow -	21
White-throated Sparrow -	110
Fox Sparrow	50
Swamp Sparrow	23
Song Sparrow	2,855
Snow Bunting	111 (26,28)



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Total Number of Individuals Recorded . . . . . 173,214  
Total Species Recorded . . . . . 124  
Most Abundant Species of Bird . . . . Common Grackle (45,600 individuals)

Comment

A good count in spite of worsening weather conditions which terminated most field activity by mid-afternoon and probably accounts for the less than average number of individuals of the more common migrants recorded. The compiler extends his thanks to the following observers for their participation in this count:

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## THE MONTH

May was a cool, wet month with an average temperature of  $53.1^{\circ}$ , two degrees below the norm, with precipitation measuring 3.36 inches, 0.39 inches above normal for the period. There was unseasonably cold weather on the 6th and 7th days and very warm temperatures, reaching  $88^{\circ}$ , on the 14th. (Meteorological data as recorded at the Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

In spite of less than ideal weather conditions, it was a great month for bird migration, especially following the shift of winds to southerly and warmer temperatures beginning on May 12th. Field observers reported warblers and other small passerines more numerous than usual for the past several years and many interesting records were received by the Society's compiler. A White-eyed Vireo was reported from Fort Erie on the 5th while, in the course of bird-banding activities at the Burgeson Sanctuary near Jamestown, both Worm-eating and Connecticut Warblers were taken in mist nets. The Dickcissel, first reported from a feeder in the Town of Busti on April 30th, remained there for the first three days in May. It was a banner month for ciconiid wader records. Observations at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge included sightings of Great Heron, Little Blue Heron and Snowy Egret. A Snowy Egret was also reported from the Tifft Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in Buffalo. Three Cattle Egrets were reported at Frewsburg in Chautauqua County on the 17th and conveniently remained to be recorded on our May Census on the 18th and 19th days of the month. A rare spring migrant in this area, a Western Sandpiper, was seen near Steamburg in Cattaraugus County on the 21st. Another rare shorebird, a Ruff, was seen by John Morse at the Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area on the 24th. While Whimbrel were reported on the Society's Field Trip on May 26th, described elsewhere in these pages, no other records were received.

Finally, the writer belatedly wishes to call the reader's attention to

the record number of Horned Grebe reported in the last issue from the Oak Orchard Game Management Area where a flock of 2800 birds was observed on April 2nd; it was, by a wide margin, the biggest concentration of migrating birds of this species ever recorded in our study area.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	May	31L	1 Cuba Lake	Keoples
*D.-cr. Cormorant	"	6F	1 Athol Springs	Bourne
*Cattle Egret	"	17	3 near Frewsburg	Elderkins, et al.
Great Egret	"	11,21	1,1 Iroquois NWR, Tona.	
			WMA	Morse, Heck
*Snowy Egret	"	11	1 Tifft St., Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
	"	12	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	"	8	6 Niagara Falls	Brockner, Ulrich
*Mute Swan	"	30	1 East Eden Pond	Bourne
	"	16-31	1-4 Celeron, Lakewood,	
			Chaut. Co.	Sundell, et al.
Whistling Swan	"	2	1 Over Woodlawn	Andrle
Canada Goose	"	8	1735 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	28	2 Sheldon	Mitchell, Clark
Gadwall	"	7,16	2 Oak Orchard	Brockners, Ulrich
Pintail	"	7	8 Oak Orchard	Brockner, Ulrich
Green-w. Teal	"	16	2 Oak Orchard	Brockners
American Wigeon	"	16	2 Oak Orchard	Brockners
Shoveler	"	7,16	6,1 Oak Orchard	Brockners, Ulrich
Ring-necked Duck	"	5L	2 Mud Lake, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Canvasback	"	12	5 Pt. Abino, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Greater Scaup	"	8	14 Grand Island	Brockner, Ulrich
Lesser Scaup	"	7	18 Tifft St., Buffalo	Valentine
	"	8L	2 Niagara River	Brockner, Ulrich
Bufflehead	"	12	24 Ft. Erie to Pt.	
			Abino, Ont.	Wagner, et al.



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Oldsquaw	May	8	40	Niagara River	Brockner, Ulrich
White-w. Scoter	"	15L	1	Pt. Gratiot, Dunkirk	Schaffner, Clark
Hooded Merganser	"	5, 14, 15	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Common Merganser	"	8	1	Niagara River	Brockner, Ulrich
Red-br. Merganser	"	5	42	Canadaway Cr. Sanct.	Valentine, Patterson
	"	12	12		Wagner, et al.
<u>Goshawk</u>	"	17	21	(male, 1Y and nest)	
				Church Hollow,	
	"	28		Bolivar	Smith
			3	(and nest) West	
				Almond	Burtens
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	4	1	Forest Lawn Cem.	
	"	8		Buffalo	Mitchell, Wendling
Red-should. Hawk	"	3	1	Iroquois NWR	Heck
	"	14	1	Town of Birdsall	Klingensmith
	"	28	4	Wanakah	Brockners, Ulrich
			1	Keaney Swamp,	
				Birdsal	Klingensmith
Broad-wing. Hawk	"	1, 3, 14	1, 1, 1	Hamburg, E. Mud Lake	
	"	3		Wanakah	Brockners, Ulrich
			2, 2	Twns. of Angelica,	
	"	16		Birdsall	Burtens
Rough-leg. Hawk	"	8	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Bald Eagle	"	25L	1	Grand Island	Brockner, Ulrich
Osprey	"	2	1	Over Hamburg	Bourne
	"	5	1	Over Woodlawn	Andrle
	"	9	1	Belmont	Burtens
	"	10, 11, 16	1	Hamburg	Brockner
	"	10, 18	1	Amity Lake	Pitzricks
Turkey	"	8	1	Cuba Lake	Keoples
*Virginia Rail	"	5F	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
			1	Burgeson Sanct.	
	"	7		Frewsburg	Elderkins
Sora	"	2	1	Oak Orchard	Brockner
			1	Burgeson Sanct.	
				Frewsburg	Elderkins
Common Gallinule	"	7	1	East Eden Pond	Bourne
*Semipalm. Plover	"	9F	1	Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
*Black-bell. Plover	"	14F	1	Riverside Rd.	
				Frewsburg	Elderkin, VanGuilder
Common Snipe	"	1-31	1	Cuba Lake	Keoples
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	16	3	Twn. of Alabama	Brockners
*Least Sandpiper	"	9F	1	Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
	"	11	3	Tifft St., Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
*Short-b. Dowitcher	"	16F	3	Twn. of Alabama	Brockners
	"	30	1	Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
*Semipalm. Sandpiper	"	16F	2	Town of Alabama	Brockners

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*Western Sandpiper	May	21F	1	Near Steamburg	Elderkins
*Ruff	"	24	1	Tonawanda WMA	Morse, Rebovich
Gr. Black-b. Gull	"	2, 14	1, 2	Dunkirk	Brockners, Ulrich
*Black-billed Cuckoo	"	11F	1	Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	15	1	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	15	1	Gowanda	Brockners
Snowy Owl	"	4L	1	Maple Rd. Amherst	McKales, Mitchell
Long-eared Owl	"	4-28	1	(with nest) Beaver Meadow Wildlife Ref	Several Observers
*Whip-poor-will	"	2F	1	Town of Hamburg	Anderle
"	"	14	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
*Common Nighthawk	"	17F	1	N. Davis Rd., Elma	Kikta
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	"	3	1	Eden	Rochester
Red-bellied Wdpkr.	"	2, 4	2, 1	Town of Hamburg	Andrle, Bourne
Red-headed Wdpkr.	"	3	12	Pt. Gratiot, Dunkirk	Pillsbury
"	"	14	10	N. Boston to Dunkirk	Brockners, Ulrich
"	"	1-31	1-2	9 localities	Several Observers
*Eastern Kingbird	"	3F	1	Near Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
"	"	4	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
*Gr. Crest Flycatcher	"	2F	1	Amiti Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	7	1	Oak Orcmard	Brockner, Ulrich
*Yellow-b. Flycatcher	"	11F	1	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	30	1	Near New Oregon	Bourne
*Alder Flycatcher	"	17F	1	Busti	Pillsbkry
*Willow Flycatcher	"	17F	1	Near Frewsburg	Elderkins
Least Flycatcher	"	1	1	Hamburg	Rochester
*E. Wood Pewee	"	14F	1	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	15	1; 1	Gowanda; Burgeson Sanct.	Brockners, Pillsbury
Olive-s. Flycatcher	"	25	1	Lyndonville	Mitchell, Smith
"	"	25	1	Farmersville, Station	V. Pitzrick, Palmer, et al.
"	"	26	1	Prospect Lawm Cem.	Hamburg Bourne
Bank Swallow	"	1	4	Angola	Brockner
Cliff Swallow	"	5	4	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Tufted Titmouse	"	1; 2	1; 1	Town of Hamburg	Brockner, Andrle, Bourne
"	"	1-10, 30, 31	1-2	Springbrook	Danner
"	"	12	1	Pt. Abino, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	3	1	Town of Birdsall	Burtens
"	"	15	1	Pt. Gratiot, Dunkirk	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	28	1	Keaney Swamp, Birdsall	Klingensmith
Winter Wren	"	10	1	Iroquois NWR	Heck
Carolina Wren	"	1-31	1-2	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	5	1	West Seneca	Kikta



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Carolina Wren	May	12	1 Crescent Beach, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
	"	14	3 Wendt Park, Derby	Brockners, Ulrich
* Long-b. Marsh Wren	"	9F	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
Mockingbird	"	22	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
* Gray Catbird	"	3F	1 North Boston	Brockners, Ulrich
	"	7	1 Oak Orchard	Brockners
Swainson's Thrush	"	3	4 Town of Birdsall	Burtens
* Gray-sh. Thrush	"	15F	1 Gowanda	Brockners
	"	27	1 Hamburg	Bourne
* Veery	"	7F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	11	2 Canadaway Crk, Sanct.	Valentine, Patterson
Eastern Bluebird	"	1-31	2 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	3	4 Town of Birdsall	Burtens
	"	24	12 (incl. 8 yo) Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	26	1 Town of Alma	Burtens
Bl.-gr. Gnatcatcher	"	2	1 Canadaway Cr. Sanct.	Brockner
	"	3	20 Canadaway Cr., Pt. Gratiot	Pillsbury
	"	5	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	5	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	5	1 Pt. Abino, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
	"	16	1 Oak Orchard	Brockners
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	"	21L	1 Spring Brook	Danner
* White-eyed Vireo	"	5F	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wagner, Fracchias
* Yellow-thr. Vireo	"	5F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	11	1 Cazenovia Cr. Elma	Kikta
* Red-eyed Vireo	"	5F	1 Beaver Meadow Wildlife Refuge	Brockner
	"	11	1 Spring Brook	Danner
* Philadelphia Vireo	"	11F	1 Town of Aurora	Valentine
	"	15	1 Lakeside Cem., Hamburg	Bourne
	"	15	1 Burgeson Sanct.	Pillsbury
	"	16, 21	1, 3 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	21	1 Near Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
	"	22	2 Tiff St., Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
	"	25L	1 Lyndonville	Mitchell, Smith
* Warbling Vireo	"	8F	1 Lewiston	Brockner, Ulrich
	"	10	2 Spring Brook	Danner
* Prothonotary Warbler	"	11F	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	16	2 Oak Orchard	Brockners
* Worm-eating Warbler	"	17	1 Burgeson Sanct.	Sundell
* Golden-w. Warbler	"	2F	1 Irving	Brockners
	"	14	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
* Blue-w. Warbler	"	2F	1 Spring Brook	Danner

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*Blue-w. Warbler	May	2F	1 N. Davis Rd., Elma	Kikta
"	"	3	1 Lakeside Cem.	
			Hamburg	Bourne
*Tennessee Warbler	"	14F	1 Cuba Lake	Keoples
"	"	15	1 Near Tonawanda	
"	"		WMA; Iroquois NWR	Rebovich, Morse, Olsen
"	"	15	1 North Boston	Bröckners
Orange-cr. Warbler	"	20	1 Spring Brook	Danner
*Parula Warbler	"	14F	1 Athol Springs	Bröckners, Ulrich
*Magnolia Warbler	"	12F	1 Crescent Beach,	
"	"		Ont.	Wagner, et al.
"	"	14	1-2 New Hudson, Spring	
"	"		Brook, Canadian Shore,	
"	"		Tonawanda WMA	Burtons, Danner,
				Bröckners, Rebovich
Cape May Warbler	"	25L	1 Lyndonville	Mitchell, Smith
*Bl.-thr. Blue Warbler	"	12F	1; 1 Spring Brook, Cana-	
"	"		Indian Shore	Danner, Wagner, et al.
"	"	15	1; 2 Delaware Park,	
"	"		Hamburg	Mitchell, Wendling,
				Bourne
Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	25L	1 Tiff St., Buffalo	Schaffner
*Chestnut-s. Warbler	"	14F	1 New Hudson; Spring-	
"	"		Brook; Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	15	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Olsen
*Bay-br. Warbler	"	14F	1 Town of New Hudson	Burtons
"	"	15	2, 3 Burgeson Sanct.,	
"	"		Delaware Park	Pillsbury, Mitchell
*Blackpoll Warbler	"	17F	1 Hickox Rd., Eden	Bourne
Pine Warbler	"	14	1 Wendt Park, Derby	Bröckners, Ulrich
*Prairie Warbler	"	4F	1 Busti	Pillsbury
Palm Warbler	"	18	1 Cuba	Keoples
*Ovenbird	"	8F	3 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	9	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Nor. Waterthrush	"	28	4 Keaney Swamp,	
"	"		Birdsall	Klingensmith
La. Waterthrush	"	20	1 Near New Oregon	Bourne
*Connecticut Warbler	"	17-28	1 Burgeson Sanct.	Stundell, et al.
*Mourning Warbler	"	15F	3 Burgeson Sanct.	Pillsbury
*Yellowthroat	"	9F	1 North Boston	Bröckner
"	"	11	1, 1, 1 Cuba, Iroquois NWR,	
"	"		Canadaway Cr. Sanct.	Keoples, Olsen,
"	"			Valentine
*Yellow-br. Chat	"	20	1 N. Davis Rd., Elma	Kikta
"	"	22	1 Hamburg	Bourne
*Hooded Warbler	"	11F	1; 1 Cuba, Erie Beach,	
"	"		Ont.	Keoples, Schaffner, Clark
"	"	14	1 Canadaway Cr. Sanct.	Bröckners, Ulrich
*Wilson's Warbler	"	10F	2 Cuba Lake	Keoples
"	"	15	1; 2 Water Valley, Bur-	
			geson Sanct.	Bröckners, Ulrich,
				Pillsbury

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*Canada Warbler	May	14F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
*Amer. Redstart	"	14F	1;1;1 New Hudson;Spring Brook;Iroquois NWR	Burtons;Danner;Morse. Olsen
*Bobolink	"	2F	4 Iroquois NWR	Silvernail
	"	11	1 Sherman	Elderkins,Pillsbury
Rusty Blackbird	"	7	12 Oak Orchard	Brockners
*Scarlet Tanager	"	12F	1 Scio	Coats
	"	14	1;1 Spring Brook; Alfred	Danner;Klingensmith
*Rose-br. Grosbeak	"	7F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	10,11	2 Cuba	Keoples
*Indigo Bunting	"	9F	2 Belmont	Hampton
	"	13	2,3 Cuba;Belmont	Keoples;Burtons
<u>Dickcissel</u>	"	1-3	2 Busti (f)	Pillsbury,et al.
Evening Grosbeak	"	17	4 Derby	Brockners
(Earlier records, 1 to 16 birds at 9 loca- tions Several observers				
Purple Finch	"	1	39 Hamburg	Rochester
<u>House Finch</u>	"	1-4	2 North Buffalo	Wagner
Pine Siskin	"	3	75 Canadaway Cr.Sanct.	Elderkin,Pillsbury
	"	6	80 North Boston	Brockners
	"	1-31L	3-11 Hamburg	Rochester
(Numerous other reports,1 to 35 birds throughout month from six localities by Several observers				
White-w.Crossbill	"	1-30	3-12 Hamburg	Rochester
*Grasshopper Sparrow	"	3F	1;1 Hamburg;Versailles	Bourne;Brockner
	"	11	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
*Henslow's Sparrow	"	10F	1 Nike Site,Hamburg	Bourne
	"	13	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
Tree Sparrow	"	7	1 Village of Hamburg	Andrle
	"	8L	1 East Aurora	Valentine
White-cr.Sparrow	"	23L	1 Belmont	Burtons
Wh.thr. Sparrow	"	28	2 Keaney Swamp, Birdsall	Klingensmith
*Lincoln's Sparrow	"	1F	1 Hamburg	Brockner
	"	14	1 Athol Springs	Brockners,Ulrich
	"	22	4 Tiff St.,Buffalo	Schaffner,et al.
	"	21	1 Seifert Rd.,Orchard Park Bourne	

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year .....	173
Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue .....	<u>64</u>
Total	237

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Report of May Bird Count

Compiled by Walter Klabunde  
and Allen Valentine

Dates: May 18 and 19, 1974

Coverage: This was the first two day coverage on any BOS count. Where used it was accepted with enthusiasm. However, only ten sections utilized the two day coverage. Three sections (1, 2, and 16) were not covered while a fourth had minimal coverage. The Allegany Bird Club although only using one day, did it adequately with their usual tremendous turnout. Fortunately both days provided excellent weather. The northern area was cooler and windy on the 19th. All thought the weather on the 18th was perfect. The 248 observers participating was a median number for the past ten years.

The 202 species + 1 hybrid reported are divided into seven categories for comparisons with previous counts as follows:

- (H+) - 21 species were recorded at an all time high.
- (H) - 21 species numbers were the highest in the past ten years.
- (M+) - 46 species were recorded in numbers above normal.
- (M) - 69 species were present in normal numbers.
- (M-) - 35 species were present in numbers below normal.
- (L) - 7 species were present in lowest number for the past ten years.
- (L-) - 3 species were recorded in all time low numbers.

Turkeys, Chimney Swifts and Ruby-th. Hummingbirds apparently experienced a higher than normal survival rate last winter. Unexpectedly, Red-tailed, Red-shouldered and Sparrow Hawks (American Kestrel) were present in unprecedented numbers. Likewise the Wrens including House, Winter and Carolina were here in record numbers. Cardinals were also in this class by holding to their steady increase every year.

Two of three species showing all time lows, namely, Black Ducks and Common Terns have shown this trend for many years. Semi-palmated Plovers failed to be recorded for the second time in all May counts since 1936.

Ducks, shorebirds and gulls generally were low, probably reflecting the affect of high lake levels creating poor feeding and/or nesting possibilities. Warblers in spite of pesticide affects as a group were recorded in higher than normal numbers.

The low number of total individuals (73,480) is due to the low numbers of robins, starlings, redwings and grackles together with swallows and gulls which compromise half of the total individuals.

The following table shows the numbers of each species recorded with a notation, indicated above, in comparison with past counts. Also when seen in one or two sections these are indicated in parenthesis. (Traill's Flycatcher which is now officially recognized as two species - by song - namely Willow (fitzbu) and

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Alder (fee-beo) were not separated by many observers and therefore shown both ways)

SPECIES

Loons - Mergansers

Common Loon	8(L-)	
Horned Grebe	1(L-)	(21)
Pied-billed Grebe	13(M)	
Gr. Blue Heron	199(M+)	
Green Heron	107(M+)	
*Little Blue Heron	1(H)	(5)
Cattle Egret	3(H+)	(23)
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	4(M)	
Least Bittern	5(M+)	
Amer. Bittern	14(M)	
Mute Swan	4(H)	(21)
Whistling Swan	1(M)	(14)
Canada Goose	296(H)	
Mallard	329(M)	
Black Duck	17(L-)	
Pintail	2(M-)	(6,8)
Green-w. Teal	10(M)	
Blue-w. Teal	74(M-)	
American Wigeon	3(M-)	(5,6)
Shoveler	8(M+)	(10)
Wood Duck	76(M)	
Canvasback	1(M)	(7)
Greater Scaup	50(M)	
Lesser Scaup	90(M+)	
Common Goldeneye	1(M-)	(8)
Bufflehead	80(M+)	
Oldsquaw	4(M)	(8,24)
Surf Scoter	15(H+)	(8)
Ruddy Duck	3(M)	
Hooded Merganser	19(H+)	
Common Merganser	63(M+)	
Red-br. Merganser	75(M)	

Vultures - Rails

Turkey Vulture	67(H+)
Sharp-sh. Hawk	4(M)
Cooper's Hawk	8(M)
Red-tailed Hawk	200(H+)

SPECIES

Vultures - Rails cont.

Red-should. Hawk	54(H+)
Broad-wing. Hawk	24(M+)
Rough-leg. Hawk	1(M) (14)
Marsh Hawk	31(H)
Osprey	4(M)
Sparrow Hawk	91(H+)
Ruffed Grouse	41(M)
Ring-n. Pheasant	192(M)
Turkey	41(H+)
Virginia Rail	1(M-) (7)
Sora	8(M)
Common Gallinule	30(M+)
American Coot	36(M)

Shorebirds

Killdeer	543(M)
Black-bell. Plover	1(M-) (21)
Ruddy Turnstone	35(M-)
Amer. Woodcock	24(M-)
Common Snipe	41(M+)
Upland Sandpiper	11(M)
Spotted Sandpiper	118(M-)
Solitary Sandpiper	14(M)
Greater Yellowlegs	4(M-)
Lesser Yellowlegs	13(M+)
Pectoral Sandpiper	1(M-) (3)
Least Sandpiper	4(L)
Dunlin	67(M-)
Short-b. Dowitcher	9(M)
Semipalm. Sandpiper	2(M-) (8)

Jaegers - Owls

Gr. Black-b. Gull	2(M) (8)
Herring Gull	106(L)
Ring-b. Gull	1304(M-)
Bonaparte's Gull	39(M-)
Common Tern	208(L-)

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SPECIESJaegers - Owls cont.

Caspian Tern	1(M)	(7)
Black Tern	38(M-)	
Rock Dove	902(M+)	
Mourning Dove	797(M+)	
Yellow-b. Cuckoo	16(H)	
Black-b. Cuckoo	42(H)	
Screech Owl	9(H)	
Great Horned Owl	12(M)	
Barred Owl	14(M+)	
Long-eared Owl	3(H)	(15,21)

SPECIESE. a. praticola cont.

Barn Swallow	1966(M-)
Cliff Swallow	110(M)
Purple Martin	886(M-)
Blue Jay	1397(M+)
Common Crow	1445(M)
Black-c. Chickadee	867(M+)
Tufted Titmouse	16(M+)
White-br. Nuthatch	264(H+)
Red-br. Nuthatch	13(M)
Brown Creeper	32(M+)

Whip-poor-wills - Creepers

Whip-poor-will	3(M)
Common Nighthawk	24(M+)
Chimney Swift	1300(H+)
Ruby-t. Hummingbird	134(H+)
Belted Kingfisher	112(M)
Yellow-sh. Flicker	450(M+)
Pileated Woodpecker	15(M)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	16(H+)
Red-headed Wdpr.	68(M+)
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	25(M)
Hairy Wdpr.	152(M+)
Downy Wdpr.	304(M)
Eastern Kingbird	390(M)
Gr. Cres. Flycatcher	199(H)
Eastern Phoebe	318(M)
Yellow-b. Flycatcher	2(M)
Trail's Flycatcher	15(M+)
Alder Flycatcher	4
*Willow Flycatcher	15
Least Flycatcher	184(M)
E. Wood Pewee	57(M)
*Olive-s. Flycatcher	6(H+)
Horned Lark	
<u>E. a. praticola</u>	110(L)
Tree Swallow	637(L)
Bank Swallow	611(M-)
Rough-w. Swallow	143(M-)

Wrens - Vireos

House Wren	556(H+)
Winter Wren	18(H+)
Carolina Wren	12(H+)
Long-b. Marsh Wren	3(M)
Mockingbird	5(M)
Catbird	810(M)
Brown Thrasher	158(M-)
Robin	5056(L)
Wood Thrush	438(M)
Hermit Thrush	42(H+)
Swainson's Thrush	117(H)
Gray-ch. Thrush	14(M+)
Veery	137(M)
Eastern Bluebird	85(M)
Bl.-gr. Gnatcatcher	27(H+)
Golden-cr. Kinglet	22(M+)
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	52(M)
Water Pipit	11(M)
Cedar Waxwing	168(M)
Starling	6,055(M-)
Yellow-th. Vireo	23(M+)
Solitary Vireo	31(H+)
Red-eyed Vireo	298(M+)
Philadelphia Vireo	8(M)
Warbling Vireo	104(M)



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SPECIESWarblers - House Sparrows

Bl.-&w. Warbler	51(M+)	
Prothonotary Warbler	2(M)	(5)
Golden-w. Warbler	11(M)	
Blue-w. Warbler	93(M)	
*"Brewster's" Warbler	2(M+)	(21,28)
Tennessee Warbler	67(M+)	
*Orange-cr. Warbler	3(M)	
Nashville Warbler	102(M+)	
Parula Warbler	8(M)	
Yellow Warbler	1,547(M)	
Magnolia Warbler	236(H)	
Cape May Warbler	119(H)	
Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	72(M+)	
Yellow rumped Warbler	380(M+)	
Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	206(H)	
Cerulean Warbler	11(M)	
Blackburn. Warbler	172(M+)	
Chestnut-s. Warbler	269(M+)	
Bay-br. Warbler	113(H)	
Blackpoll Warbler	33(M+)	
Prairie Warbler	2(H)	(26)
Palm Warbler	16(M+)	
Ovenbird	192(M+)	
Nor. Waterthrush	37(H)	
*La. Waterthrush	11(H)	
Connecticut Warbler	1(H)	(23)
Mourning Warbler	22(M+)	
Yellowthroat	502(M)	
Yellow-br. Chat	4(M)	
Hooded Warbler	31(H)	
Wilson's Warbler	54(M+)	
Canada Warbler	95(M+)	
Amer. Redstart	288(M+)	
House Sparrow	3,635(M)	

SPECIESIcterids - Fringillids cont.

*Orchard Oriole	1(M)	(7)
Northern Oriole	862(M-)	
Rusty Blackbird	48(M)	
Common Grackle	6,954(M-)	
Brown-h. Cowbird	1,932(M)	
Scarlet Tanager	196(M+)	
Cardinal	687(H+)	
Rose-br. Grosbeak	546(M+)	
Indigo Bunting	255(H)	
Evening Grosbeak	58(M)	
Purple Finch	208(M+)	
Pine Siskin	236(M+)	
Amer. Goldfinch	3,399(M)	
White-w. Crossbill	6(H)	
Rufous-s. Towhee	494(M-)	
Savannah Sparrow	278(M)	
Grasshopper Sparrow	8(M)	
Henslow's Sparrow	4(L-)	
Vesper Sparrow	76(M-)	
Dark-eyed Junco	120(M)	
Chipping Sparrow	953(M)	
Field Sparrow	444(M)	
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	182(M-)	
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	173(M)	
Lincoln's Sparrow	4(M)	
Swamp Sparrow	140(M-)	
Song Sparrow	2,331(M-)	

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Species + 1 Hybrid (M)

Individuals (M-)

Icterids - Fringillids

Bobolink	906(M-)
E. Meadowlark	623(L)
Red-w. Blackbird	9,688(M-)

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Sections and Observers (names of compilers are underlined)

1. Fonthill, Ont. Not covered
2. Thorold, Ont. Not covered
3. Wilson, N.Y. H. & W. Klabunde
4. Middleport, N.Y. J. Lehrer
5. Oak Orchard, N.Y. J. Morse, B. Heck, O. Olsen, W. Rebovich & G. Smith
6. Port Maitland, Ont. J. Braunberns, M. L. & M. Emerson
7. Lowbanks, Ont. H.D. Mitchell, B. Lewandowski, Mrs. T. Marsh, S. Merritt  
& D. Wilcox
8. Fort Erie, Ont. H.D. Mitchell, B. Lewandowski, R. Byron, Mrs. D. Coh,  
Dr. Somerville and E. Williams
9. Grand Island, N.Y. W.C. Vaughan
10. Akron, N.Y. A. Ulrich, & M. Lovelace
11. Buffalo, N.Y. A.E. Valentine, A. Clark, L. & M. Crone, F. Harrington,  
J. Kikta, Lazarus, J. Patterson, Rach-  
lin, A. Schaffner & Stein
12. Lancaster, N.Y. M. & M. Wendling, A. Bauer, I. Bill, Mr. & Mrs. F. Danner,  
R. Franz, N. Karlak, G. Newton,  
E. Thurston, G. Webster and C.  
Wolfling and J. Kikta
13. Batavia, N.Y. K. Pixley, N. & R. Annabal, G. Buckland, R. Colantonio,  
H. & B. Dodge, R. & E. Hull, G. Mahoney,  
M. & J. Mason, R. & M. Pixley and D. Thurau
14. Hamburg, N.Y. T.L. Bourne, J.E. and A.M. Bacon, Mrs. T.L. Bourne,  
H. Creighton, M. & D. Firey, Dr. and Mrs.  
R. Leonard, R. & E. Mauser, P. Pruss,  
L. Rochester, E. & F. Webb,
15. Java, N.Y. D. M. Bigelow, D. Bigelow, W. Birch, I. Henzler &  
L. Nutting
16. Angola, N.Y. Not covered
17. Cattaraugus, N.Y. M. & M. Wendling, A. Bauer and M. Frank
18. Delavan, N.Y. D. & J. Clark
19. Fillmore, N.Y. K. Palmer, D. & J. Clark, R. Gilman, C. Henderson,  
Mr. & Mrs. E. Howden, Mrs. B. Main, M. Main,  
Mrs. J. Marvin, Mr. & Mrs. J.O. Moore,  
A. Mullen, J. Norton, M. Pitzrick, Mrs. D.  
Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. H. K. Smith, L. Smith,  
L. Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. R. Wilson and  
R. Wilson
20. Dunkirk, N.Y. F.M. Rew, L. Buck, J. Patterson and A. Valentine
21. Cherry Creek, N.Y. R. Sundell, A. Andree, H. Andree, C. Beal, C. Belknap,  
C. Bob, R. Bob, G. Burgeson, I. Burgeson,  
A. Findlay, M. Findlay, C. & J. Freeman,  
N. Funicello, L. Keller, D. Pihlblad,  
K. Ponton, M.A. Reiber, C. Roby, E. Sanctuary,  
O. Swanson, A & F. Wagner



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22. Sherman, N.Y. R. Sundell, F. Elderkin, A. & M. Findlay, Mr. & Mrs. R. Gravink and E. Pillsbury
23. Frewsburg, N.Y. R. Sundell, J. & R. Bohall, G. Caswell, F. Elderkin, J. Gulvin, A. Hiller, L. Kibler, S. Maggio, E. Pillsbury and R. Sundell
24. Allegany State Park P. Schwartz
25. Allegany, N.Y. S. W. Eaton
26. Cuba Lake, N.Y. L. & D. Burton, K. Brown, J. Chernic, J. & B. Compton, A. Driscoll, H. Goldthwait, T. Ingalls, R. & R. Keople, Mrs. R. Resch, Mr. & Mrs. W. Serra, B. & S. Smalley, D. Shelton, B. Smith, O.L. Smith Sr., Mrs. B. Taylor, Mrs. M. Truesdell, R. Ungerman, A. Voorhies, and Mrs. N. Wilson.
27. Bolivar, N.Y. D. Burton, C. Abbott, H. Apsey, A. Ayres, Mrs. D. Bennet, Mr. & Mrs. C. Carrier, J. Carrier, Mrs. A. Case, Mrs. S. Childs, F. A. DeGroff, L.A. Gross, F. Hunt, L. Ingram, R. & R. Keople, M. Marshall, J. Laughlin, N. McMinder, H. Nichols, Mr. & Mrs. J. Pettit and Mrs. R. Richmond.
28. Alfred, N.Y. E. Brooks, E. Larson, V. Pitzrick, J. Babcock, D. Bayless, E. Biehl, V. Brown, G. Buckley, L. & D. Burton, D. Burdick, M.E. Clark, J. Copenheaver, D., C. & R. Coats, P. Cully, Mr. & Mrs. L. Casterline, A. Eisenhardt, C. Ferrand, T. & P. Findlay, E. & A. Foster, M. Fuller, J. & L. Gibson, L.M. Graves, S. Howard, Mrs. H. Ide, C. James, T. & D. Keir, C. Klingensmith, E. Larson, D. & C. Lewis, R. Macauley, C. MacDonald, E. & T. McClure, L. Phelin, R. Pitzrick, D. & E. Reynolds, A. & E. Rhodes, H. Robinson, P. Sanford, I. Scofield, Mrs. C. Sharrett, G. Smith, H. Thomas, T. Vossler, G. Washburn, M.L. Wells & R. Yell

The compilers wish to extend their thanks to all of the observers who have made this report possible.

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Field Trip to North Shore of Lake Erie - May 26th, 1974

by Edward Williams

Five cars began a field trip on May 26th from the Canadian side of the Peace Bridge at 7:45 a.m. It was a cool day with a brisk west wind and only two Mallards were seen in the Niagara River before we reached Erie Beach where we hoped to see a Summer Tanager reported earlier; no luck. The area was desolate except for a few Ruddy Turnstones and Spotted Sandpipers at the shore and a Carolina Wren, a Red-headed Woodpecker and a few other birds in the wooded area behind the beach.

At the corner of the Rose Hill Road and the Dominion Road, an immature Red-tailed Hawk was seen in a dead tree. At the beach next to the pumping station at the base of the Rose Hill Road, only a few Spotted Sandpipers and Turnstones were seen. However, at Windmill Point, a Knot, still in winter plumage, was seen with a group of Turnstones. It was here that Walter Klabunde's observation of an unidentified shorebird at the edge of the breakwater east of the Point sent us back to the cars for spotting scopes and the first two Wimbrels of the season!

We stopped at Thunder Bay hoping to see the flock of Surf Scoters reported there during the previous ten days but we had to settle for a lone White-winged Scoter. In the nearby undergrowth and woods there were Carolina Wrens, House Wrens, Purple Martins, White-breasted Nuthatches, Catbirds, Orioles and Cardinals as well as a Little Green Heron. At Point Abino, the pickings were slim with only a Loon and fifteen Red-breasted Mergansers swimming near the west shore.

After lunch, we drove to Morgan's Point where we had just left the cars at the end of the road when 13 Wimbrel took off, almost in front of us, calling as they disappeared around the Point. We felt certain this flock would land again but we were unable to spot them in viewing range of our optical equipment. We spent the rest of our time here combing the wooded portion of the Point for the few Warblers we could find there. The trip formally disbanded at 3:00 p.m. with the Klabundes leading some of the birders over to Mud Lake at Port Colborne on the way back.

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NOTES

SOME RECORDS FOR RED-TAILED HAWK NESTS IN ERIE AND CHAUTAUQUA COUNTIES, N.Y.

The Red-tailed Hawk may be the most common resident buteo in Western New York, however, there is some question whether it will continue to be if the nesting success of the Spring of 1974 is any indication of a trend.

Five nests of this species were kept under surveillance during March, April and May, 1974 by Allen Valentine and Jim Patterson. Seven young were hatched and eventually banded as nestlings. At least 11 eggs were laid so four failed to hatch. A summary of the nests and the visits is shown below:

Nest #1 -About 50' up in crotch of maple located within 50 yards of busy expressway.

March 23 - Adult incubating

April 21 - Adult still sitting tight

April 27 - Two nestling less than 1 week old

May 11 - Band two nestling

May 18 - See two nestling standing up in nest

Nest #2 -About 35' up in main crotch of maple tree located within 30 yards of busy roadway.

March 23 - Adult incubating

April 21 - Adult flushes off nest when inspected from ground

April 27 - Tree climbed - nest has two eggs

May 5 - Adult sitting on nest

May 11 - Two nestlings banded

Nest #3 -About 60' up in crotch in maple. Located in island woodlot surrounded by highways.

March 23 - Adult incubating

April 21 - Same

April 27 - Climb tree and check nest. Has two eggs

May 5 - Adult seen on nest

May 11 - Band one nestling. One egg unhatched

Nest #4 -April 26 - Adult incubating on nest 75 yards off busy expressway. Nest located 50' up in shagbark hickory

April 27 - Adult incubating

May 5 - Adult incubating

May 11 - Climb tree. One young has just hatched (perhaps same day) and one egg.

May 19 - Band one nestling. Egg did not hatch

May 21 - Adult feeding young on nest

Nest #5 -About 45' up in large beech. Huge nest, almost twice the size of the others described above.

April 25 (approx.) - Nest had three eggs

May - Band one nestling. Two unhatched eggs still in nest

Food found in the nests after young had hatched included: rabbit hind leg, chipmunk, feathers of Common Flicker, meadow vole(most common) and mole remains.

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PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. September through June inclusive, at 8:00 p.m. in the Society's clubrooms in the Buffalo Museum of Science.

- Sept. 11 - Summer birding experiences of members
- Sept. 25 - Observations of bird life of the Gaspé Peninsula of New Brunswick and Maine illustrated by color motion pictures and slides. Program by B.O.S. member Harold Dodge describing his experiences in this region during the summer of 1974.
- Oct. 9 - Annual Meeting: Election of officers and Council members. Program: "Beaver Meadow and Its Birds", a lecture illustrated by slides and charts by B.O.S. member David M. Bigelow, now Director of the Beaver Meadow Nature Sanctuary of the Buffalo Audubon Society, at North Java, Wyoming County, New York.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- Sept. 2 - Shorebird trip - North Shore of Lake Erie. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Vermont Street entrance to Peace Bridge to consolidate vehicles. Leaders: Walter and Harriette Klabunde (tel. 754-4424)
- Sept. 21 - Hunter's Creek State Park Field Trip - Learn a new birding area in southern Erie County near East Aurora. Buffalo group will assemble at the Seneca Mall in front of the William Hengerer Company Department Store at 8:00 a.m. We will rendezvous with the southern Erie County birders at the Erie County Farm & Home Center parking lot opposite the Roycroft Inn on Route #16 in East Aurora at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Walter Klabunde (tel. 754-4424)
- Oct. 13 - October Bird Count. Leader: Frances M. Rew. Please call Ms. Rew at 822-0342 for assignment of territory.
- Oct. 18-20 - Annual meeting of New York State Federation of Bird Clubs at Dunkirk-Fredonia Holiday Inn. Program of field trips, work shops and meeting subjects to be announced in September.

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## THE MONTH

June was a mild, pleasant month with no major weather disturbances. The average temperature for the month was  $65.6^{\circ}$ , a departure of  $-0.1^{\circ}$ , from the norm. Precipitation measured 3.86 inches, 1.63 inches above normal, largely the result of the heavy rainfall on June 21st measuring 1.29 inches. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

There were very few noteworthy occurrences in June as the seasonal lull following May's migratory activity set in. The number of Carolina Wren records received in the last few months may indicate another viable breeding population of a Carolinian species establishing itself in this area. The Nashville Warbler reported by Mrs. Pitzrick from Scio on June 9th was probably a breeding bird. This bird is one of those species listed as a "rare summer resident" by Beardslee and Mitchell in Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region (Bulletin of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Vol. 22, 1965) and Rosche in Birds of Wyoming County, New York (Bulletin of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Vol. 23, 1967) describes it as a "presumed" local summer resident in that county. It is a species that offers our readers living in the Southern Tier counties a wonderful opportunity to engage in a field project which will greatly enhance our knowledge of its distribution in the B.O.S. study area.

Mr. Harold Mitchell was kind enough to send the editor an article from the weekly column, 'Birds Afield' in the Rochester, (N.Y.) Times-Union of June 19th, 1974, concerning the first recorded nesting of the Cattle Egret in Monroe County. On June 16th, five occupied nests of this species were discovered in a marsh, not far from the city of Rochester. Prior to that time, "about a dozen" egrets had been seen in the area and these birds are believed to constitute the nucleus of the breeding colony. B.O.S. members should take heart from this interesting discovery and try to find other colonies in our study area, especially in the Genesee River Valley and around the wetlands of the wildfowl conservation areas east of Buffalo.

On June 14th, the writer, in his capacity of chairman of the Council of the Buffalo Ornithological Society, received a written communication from Allen Valentine, the Society's current president, tendering his resignation from that office as of July 1st, 1974. Allen is leaving the area to accept a promotional opportunity in Detroit, Michigan and while I am sure we all rejoice in his good fortune, his leaving will be a heart-felt loss to all of us who were privileged to know and work with him during his brief residence in western New York. Allen agreed to accept the presidency of our society, after being a member only a few months, at a time when many of our organizational problems seemed insurmountable. With his optimism and infectious enthusiasm for promoting the study of birds, I feel it is not too much to say he breathed new life into the Society and revived the interest of many of us in actively participating in its affairs. Let us hope this rebirth of interest and cooperation will be his legacy to us.

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# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - indicates first record for the year.
- F - indicates first record for the migration
- L - indicates last record for the migration
- (f)- indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	June	1-30	1-4 Mayville, Chautau-	
			qua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Great Egret	"	8	1 East Eden Pond	Bourne
	"	18,22	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Least Bittern	"	27	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
<u>Mute Swan</u>	"	1-28	1 Bertie Bay, Chautau-	
			qua Lake	Sundell, Olson, et al.
Canada Goose	"	28	1 Mohawk Island, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Lesser Scaup	"	24	1 Mayville, Chautau-	
			qua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Common Merganser	"	3	2 Scio	V. Fitzrick
Red-br. Merganser	"	3,6	1,1 Chautauqua, Light-	
			house Pt.	Sundell, Olson
<u>Goshawk</u>	"	5	1 (with nest) Church	
			Hollow, Bolivar	Smith
	"	16	1, N3E (probably in-	Burtens, Schriver,
			fertile) Town of	Wood
			Almond	



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Cooper's Hawk	June	16	1, N3Y Town of Rushford	Burtons, Schriver, Wood
Turkey	"	2	3 Allegany State Park	Sundell, et al.
	"	11	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	12	1 Chestnut Ridge Park	Bourne
Common Snipe	"	25	1 Dale, Wyoming County	Andrles
	"	25	1 W. Bethany, Genesee Co.	Andrles
*W.-rumped Sandpiper	"	12	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Rew
Semipalm. Sandpiper	"	12L	5 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Mitchell
Whip-poor-will	"	1	2 Town of Cold Spring	Sundell
	"	3	1 Village of Hamburg	Bourne
Red-headed Wdpkr.	"	16	3 Rossburg	Pitzricks
Yellow-b. Flycatcher	"	2L	1 Tifft Farm Sanct.	
			Buffalo	Valentine, Patterson
Olive-s. Flycatcher	"	3L	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-24	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	1	1 Allegany State Park	Sundell
Carolina Wren	"	1-30	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	3	1 Village of Hamburg	Andrles
Mockingbird	"	2	1 Allegany State Park	Sundell et al
	"	18	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	24	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
Eastern Bluebird	"	1-30	4, 8YO Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	24-26	2, 2YO Youngstown	Klabundes
Bl.-&-white Warbler	"	11, 17	1, 2 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Prothonotary Warbler	"	10	1 Iroquois NWR	Klabundes
"Brewster's" Warbler	"	7	1 Kiantone	Sundell
		8, 10, 23, 28	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
			(male consorting with female Golden-winged Warbler)	
Nashville Warbler	June	9	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
Parula Warbler	"	1, 2L	2 Allegany State Park	Sundell, et al.
Cerulean Warbler	"	10	1 Iroquois NWR	Klabundes
	"	25	1 Taylor Hollow	Mitchell, Goodman, Wilcove
Bay-br. Warbler	"	4L	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Blackpoll Warbler	"	6L	2 Spring Brook	Danner
Wilson's Warbler	"	2L	1 Tifft Farm Sanct.	
			Buffalo	Valentine, Patterson
Western Meadowlark	"	6	1 Athol Springs	Bourne
Red Crossbill	"	2	5, 15 Harris Hill, Town of Clarence	Wagner

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . 237

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 1

Total to date . . . . . 238



1974 NESTING RECORDS - I

Great Blue Heron	June 18	28 Nests	Olean Airport Area	Keoples
	June 1-30	79 Nests	Seneca Pool, Iroquois NWR	Morse
Green Heron	May 17	N, 3E	Town of Aurora	Patterson
	May 24	N, 4E	Town of Aurora	Patterson
	June 15	4 & YO	Town of Aurora	Patterson
Canada Goose	June 18	2A, 5 YO	Langford	Bourne
Blue-w. Teal	June 17	5 YO	Cuba Marsh	Keoples
Amer. Widgeon	June 28	10 YO	Ringneck Marsh Iroquois NWR	Morse
Wood Duck	June 7	5 YO	Cuba Marsh	Keoples
Hooded Merganser	June 13	8 (1A, 7 YO)	Beaver Meadow, N. Java	Wendling
Turkey Vulture	June 10	Nest in Hollow Log near Seneca Pool, Iroquois NWR		Morse
Red-should. Hawk	June 16	Nest (destroyed by Raccoons)	Town of Birdsall	Burtons, et al.
Ring-n. Pheasant	June 13	3 YO	BOS Refuge, Grand Island	Klabundes
Pileated Wdpkr.	June 15	N, 1Y (40' up in dead tree)	Town of Aurora	Valentine, Patterson
Long-e. Owl	June 21	1 YO	Beaver Meadow, N. Java	Mitchell, et al.
Carolina Wren	June 17	2A, 2 YO	Stow	Sundell, Olsen
	June 21	2A, 4 YO	Stow	Sundell, Olsen
Eastern Bluebird	June 1-30	4A, 8 YO	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	June 24-26	2A, 2 YO		

BOOK REVIEW

Birds of the World: A Check List. By James F. Clements, 1974. The Two Continents Publishing Group Ltd. New York. pp. i-xx, 524.

Reviewed by Dr. Robert F. Andrle

This is one of three recently published or soon to be published volumes containing check-lists of birds of the world. Clements' purpose in compiling the list is to provide in one book a catalogue of the world's birds, apparently so that he and others interested in accumulating and recording an international life list will have one comprehensive list of names and ranges for general reference and conveniently be able to make entries in one location.

The book has a list of 31 major field guides and references and a bibliography containing additional publications upon at least some of which the author has based his list. In assembling the material from such diverse sources he encountered expected problems of nomenclature and taxonomy. If a bird appears as a separate species in one of the 31 references, he has included it. So the book contains the high total of 8,904 species because, as the author states, it is easier to delete a species than to find space to write one in that some authorities might consider conspecific but you do not. However, where a recent ruling, such as the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list Supplement, has made two species conspecific, the former species is included as a parenthetical addition with the other.

The author has principally followed Van Tyne and Berger's classification for orders and families in Fundamentals of Ornithology. Where an order or family has had recent taxonomic treatment, he has followed this for names, such as with the parrots, owls, curassows and related birds and sunbirds. There is an introductory index of orders and families, including number of species in each family, and a generic index at the end of the book. Each species is listed by scientific name first in boldface type and vernacular name below it in italics. Opposite each species name is a brief description of its range and above this a space for the observer to enter the date and location of recording it.

One could question the usefulness for reference (suggested by the author) of having two identical colored endpaper maps showing major zoogeographical realms ("faunal regions") of the world, considering the rather few times that these are mentioned in species ranges. It might have been more helpful for location and orientation purposes, in view of the major part of the book devoted to ranges, to have included several pages of general outline maps of continents showing political boundaries and names of countries, smaller political divisions, islands and some other places mentioned in the

range descriptions, as in the endpapers of A Guide to the Birds of South America by DeSchaunensee.

In compiling a list of this length using many scientific names and ranges from various sources, there is considerable opportunity for several kinds of errors. On the other hand, editing such a simple open-spaced format is in some ways easier than editing dense text. The separate list of Addenda and Corrigenda with the book contains over 50 entries, most of them misspelling corrections. In the reviewer's opinion, these errors are far in excess of what there might have been if adequate proofreading had been done. It could indicate that there are a good number of additional typographical and perhaps other kinds of errors in the text, and this proves to be the case based on this reviewer's general perusal of the book.

Following are a few of the many words misspelled: copious, preceding, Pittidae, Nothura, spottily (several times), Palearctic, Patagonian, Bonelli's, Mesopotamia, Bismarck, Somaliland, glaucescens, Elaenia, Equatorial (several times), Eritrea, Ryukyu, Sphyrapicus, nigrivestis, prevostii, Psittacula, Yucatan, Marianas, Okhotsk, Portuguese (several times). Scientific names in the introduction and ranges are not italicized or otherwise set off from the text. The word "unique" is used in the ranges of some species to signify that only one collected specimen is known, but its meaning here is not explained and may not be clear to some. The word "endemic" is used frequently where the range of a species is restricted to a certain area, but some species that are obviously endemic to certain localities, such as islands and mountain ranges, are not so designated. "Endangered" and "rare" are employed to indicate status of some species, but others listed in these categories in the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red Data Book (Vol. 2, Aves) are not so designated.

The ranges of some species are either unclear or erroneous. For example, the range of L. thayeri (Thayer's Gull) is given as "Alaska to Baja" with no indication of its occurrence in eastern North America eastward to Greenland (breeding) and in winter south to the Great Lakes and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Wintering ranges are sometimes included for other species and at other times omitted, e.g., no mention is made of the extensive eastern North America wintering range of Bonaparte's Gull; only "Alaska to Mexico" is listed, which can give the impression of a western distribution. The range of the Common Murre is given as only "Alaska to California", and there is no indication of its extensive Atlantic and Pacific Ocean distribution. No mention is made of the Sabine's Gull's Holarctic distribution only "Alaska to Peru". In many of these instances there is space to make these ranges clear and more accurate. The range of Geotrygon lawrencii is listed as "Mexico to Panama" when in reality it is known only in a restricted area of southern Mexico and in Costa Rica and Panama. The range of the Common Starling is listed "Egypt to Armenia", omitting much of its Old World range. Adams' Snow-Finch is listed as occurring in the northern slopes of the Himalayas, Alps and Pyrennes (sic), but its actual range is the

northern Himalayas and northwest China, not Europe. Very likely there are more errors such as the foregoing if one looked more closely.

What seems to this reviewer as a serious error in the book is the failure to incorporate up to time of publication name changes of countries used in the ranges of species. This is not only obviously politically expedient in general but a necessity in describing and mapping bird ranges for updating and future publication. Some of the country names used in the book which are no longer correct are (new designations in parentheses): British Guiana (Guyana); Nyasaland (Malawi); Spanish Guinea (Equatorial Guinea); British and Italian Somaliland (Somalia); Belgian Congo (Zaire); Portuguese East Africa (Mozambique); and Bechuanaland (Botswana). In the bibliography the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list should be dated 1957, not 1961. Blake's first name and initial are Emmet R., not Eugene H., and twelve of the 53 references have no author first name or initials.

Many persons have recently taken up listing of bird species for their life lists and some are keeping separate lists for political areas. Also, increasing numbers of birders are traveling outside the United States and Canada at least partly for this purpose. Although its many errors, inconsistencies and omissions detract from the value of this book, it will nevertheless be useful for birders to consolidate their life lists under one cover for quick reference and easier entry of new species. It may be less useful or of little or no interest to the many birders who do not or are not able to, for one reason or another, travel outside the United States and Canada because they have only the possibility of listing less than 10 per cent of the bird species it contains. The book may stimulate some birders to learn the orders, families, names and general ranges of more of the world's birds, but they should be aware of its shortcomings in this regard. It also could help to encourage new persons to take an interest in birding, at least for the sake of keeping a list and enjoying the avocation, and hopefully for more serious study of birds and an active concern for their welfare as well.

Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo, New York 14211

#### NOTES

Marie Wendling sadly reports that she has received no material to forward to 'Hugh Guess', Editor of The Profanetary, the humorous parody of this newsletter, to be published on November 9th, 1974 on the occasion of the 45th Anniversary Dinner of the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Please send in contributions to Ms. Wendling at 87 Garrison Road, Williamsville, New York 14221. She begs all faithful members to write at least one item whether it be commemorating a bird or birder in prose or poetry or "notworthy" records of rare or non-existent species which wouldn't stand much chance of publication elsewhere.

The ninth published Membership Roster of the Buffalo Ornithological Society is now available and will be distributed at the Society's meetings in the Museum of Science on September 11th and September 25th. There is no charge to members.

FALL PYMATUNING WEEKEND

The following information pertaining to this fall's Pymatuning Weekend is being printed for all B.O.S. members who may be interested.

Date: . . . . . September 28-29, 1974

Arrangements: . . . . . Same as usual -- Saturday at Presque Isle in Erie (Scheduled field trips for those interested departing Cabin No. 3 at 8:15 a.m. and at 10:15 a.m.) -- Saturday night banquet and meeting at Penn Line, Pa. -- Sunday breakfast at the Driftwood Restaurant in Linesville for those who desire it -- Sunday field trips in the Pymatuning area.

Banquet: . . . . . 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Penn Line Grange Hall. Ham or turkey at \$3.50 per plate. (Price subject to change.) Send no money but make advance dinner reservations with:

Mrs. George W. Shaffer (814) 683-2143  
325 Franklin Street, Box 716  
Linesville, Pa. 16424

Speaker: . . . . . Chuck Martin, a free-lance photographer from Bradford Woods (a suburb of Pittsburgh) will present his sound-and-slides "Appalachian Spring" program. The music is the ballet and the photos are from throughout the Upper Appalachians. It is a beautiful show -- not to be missed.

For further information call

Mary Saville - 662-5215  
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PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. September through June inclusive, at 8:00 p.m. in the Society's clubrooms in the Buffalo Museum of Science.

Volume 40, No. 7 "Program - Meetings" cont.

- Sept. 11 - Summer birding experiences of members.
- Sept. 25 - Observations of bird life of the Gaspé Peninsula of Quebec and New Brunswick and Maine illustrated by color motion pictures and slides. Program by B.O.S. member Harold Dodge describing his experiences in this region during the summer of 1974.
- Oct. 9 - Annual Meeting; Election of officers and Council members. Program: "Beaver Meadow and Its Birds", a lecture illustrated by slides and charts by B.O.S. member David M. Bigelow, now Director of the Beaver Meadow Nature Sanctuary of the Buffalo Audubon Society at North Java, Wyoming County, New York.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- Sept. 2 - Shorebird trip - North Shore of Lake Erie. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Vermont Street entrance to Peace Bridge to consolidate vehicles. Leaders: Walter and Harriette Klabunde (tel. 754-4424)
- Sept. 21 - Hunters Creek State Park Field Trip - Learn a new birding area in southern Erie County near East Aurora. Buffalo group will assemble at the Seneca Mall in front of the William Hengerer Company Department Store at 8:00 a.m. We will rendezvous with the southern Erie County birders at the Erie County Farm & Home Center parking lot opposite the Roycroft Inn on Route #16 in East Aurora at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Walter Klabunde (tel. 754-4424)
- Oct. 13 - October Bird Count. Leader: Frances M. Rew. Please call Ms. Rew at 822-0342 for assignment of territory.
- Oct. 18-20 - Annual meeting of New York State Federation of Bird Clubs at Dunkirk-Fredonia Holiday Inn. Program of field trips, work shops and meeting subjects to be announced in September.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler: Mr. Robert M. Wagner, 4325 Circle Court, Williamsville, New York 14221.

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EDITOR: . . . . . Joseph F. Thill, 36 Allegany Avenue, Kenmore, N.Y. 14217

Dear Mr. [Name]

I am very pleased to hear from you and thank you for your letter of the 15th.

I am still busy with my work, but I will try to get back to you as soon as possible. I am sure you will understand.

I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I will do my best to get it done.

Yours faithfully,

[Name]

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## THE MONTH

July was warm and pleasant with 78% of possible sunshine for this period recorded. The average temperature for the month was  $69.2^{\circ}$ , a departure of  $-0.2^{\circ}$  from the norm. Precipitation measured only 1.80 inches, 1.13 inches below normal. The maximum temperature of  $90^{\circ}$ , recorded on July 4th, was the high reading for the year. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

Once again high water along the north shore of Lake Erie inundated many of the prime resting and feeding areas utilized by the large flocks of shorebirds beginning their autumn passage during July and the most productive birding in the western end of the study area for them was at Erie Beach, Ontario and Times Beach in Buffalo Harbor. As noted in these pages last year, the landfill operations at Times Beach in connection with lake dredging conducted by the U.S. Corps of Engineers has created an excellent, if temporary, feeding and resting area for a variety of ducks, gulls, terns and shorebirds.

Unusual records for the month include the sighting of an Osprey at the Burgeson Sanctuary in Frewsburg, Chautauqua County, on July 11th and 13th and a Swainson's Thrush at the Axtell's sanctuary at Rose Hill, Ontario on the 18th. On July 2nd, Robert Andrle observed four singing male Lincoln Sparrows on territory in a small remnant of the once extensive bog at Wainfleet, Welland County, Ontario. The area in which the birds were found is east of the previous location between Wilson Road and Highway #58 in Wainfleet Township where extensive field studies of this species were made by B.O.S. members between 1957 and 1959 in an unsuccessful attempt to find a nest. That area, with its treasure of northern bog type indicator plants such as Black Spruce, Leatherleaf and Labrador Tea has disappeared in commercial peat removal operations. The new locale, first discovered by Gus Yaki and members of the Niagara Falls (Ontario) Nature Club

on a botanizing field trip in 1973, is perhaps twenty acres in area and undoubtedly will also disappear in peat removal operations within the next few years. While Black Spruce is absent, all of the other plants of the relict boreal bog community which delight the botanist were observed. These include Blueberry, the dominant shrub, Leatherleaf, the dominant ground cover, Labrador Tea, Sheep Laurel, Pitcher Plant and Sun Dew. The presence of the singing male Lincoln Sparrows probably indicates the southernmost breeding location for this species in eastern North America. The failure of local conservationists in years past to preserve this unique area is another sad chapter in the tale of missed opportunities all too familiar to most readers.

Joseph F. Thill, 36 Allegany Avenue, Kenmore, New York 14217

# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	July	1-31	1-3 Mayville, Chautau-	
			qua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	"	24	18 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle
Gadwall	"	<u>10-17</u>	1-10 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>21</u>	2 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
Pintail	"	<u>25</u>	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Wilcove, Goodman
American Wigeon	"	10, 11	7, 4 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
White-w. Scoter	"	<u>24</u>	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle
Common Merganser	"	<u>24</u>	3 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle
Cooper's Hawk	"	<u>11</u>	Nest with young	
			Rushford	Burtons
	"		1 Burgeson Sanct.,	
			Frewsburg	Sundell, et al.
	"	12	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Osprey	"	<u>11, 13</u>	1 Burgeson Sanct.	
			Frewsburg	Sundell, et al
Semipalm. Plover	"	18F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Wilcove, Goodman
	"	23	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Ruddy Turnstone	"	23F	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al

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Lesser Yellowlegs	July	10F,11	7,32	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	25F	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Wilcove, Goodman
W.-rump. Sandpiper	"	31F	1	Prendergast Pt. Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson, Woodard
*Baird Sandpiper	"	31F	1	Bemus Creek, Chau- tauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson, Woodard
Least Sandpiper	"	10F	5	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Short-b. Dowitcher	"	11F,12,17,23	7-15	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
*Stilt Sandpiper	"	18F	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Wilcove
	"	21	2	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Semipalm. Sandpiper	"	10F,11	3,55	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Western Sandpiper	"	23	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
*Sanderling	"	19F	1	Dewittville Creek, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
	"	23	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Bonaparte's Gull	"	14	110	Port Weller, Ont.	Andrles
	"	25	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Wilcove, Goodman
Caspian Tern	"	10,17,30	3,2,3	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Red-headed Wdpkr.	"	15,22-31	1-2	Belmont	Burtons
	"	21	1	Rosburg	Pitzricks
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-25	1-5	Spring Brook	Danner
Brown Creeper	"	20	1	Hunter's Creek State Park	Klabundes
Winter Wren	"	14	1	Holloway Bay, Ont.	Andrles
Carolina Wren	"	1-25	2	Spring Brook	Danner
	"	7,14	6	(2adults, 4YO) Barcelona	Sundell
	"	10-31	2	Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	12	1	Prendergast Pt. Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
	"	21	1	Chautauqua	Sundell
	"	31	1	Stow	Sundell
Swainson's Thrush	"	18	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Eastern Bluebird	"	9-27	1-5	Amity Lake (1-2 Adult, 1-3 YO)	V. Pitzrick
Black-&-w. Warbler	"	8,12,16	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Brewster's Warbler	"	5,8	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Nor. Waterthrush	"	20	1	Hunter's Creek State Park	Klabundes
	"	25	2	Spring Brook	Danner
Yellow-br. Chat	"	17	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Red Crossbill	"	14	1	Barcelona	Sundell
Lincoln's Sparrow	"	2	4	Wainfleet Bog, Ont.	Andrle, Clark

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . .	238
Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . .	3
Total to date . . . . .	241

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Page 56: Red-headed Woodpecker 11(28)

should read: Red-headed Woodpecker 1(28)

The editor appreciates any typographical errors or omissions being called to his attention by the observant reader.

1974 NESTING RECORDS - II

Chimney Swift	July	28	2 Nests, each with 3 YO	Belmont	Burtens
Kingbird	"	14	4 adults with 4 YO	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Eastern Phoebe	"	20	2 adult, 2 YO	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Least Flycatcher	"	15	2 adult, 2 YO	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
House Wren	mid-July		5 YO	Belmont	Burtens
	July	30	N 5E	BOSWR, Grand Island	Mitchell, King
Catbird	mid-July		Several YO	Belmont	Burtens
Tufted Titmouse	July	25	3 YO	Spring Brook	Danner
Veery	"	4	3 adult, 2 YO	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Blue-w. Warbler	"	15	2 adult, 2 YO	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Yellow Warbler	"	18	1 adult, 3 YO	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Chestnut-s. Warbler	"	12	2 adult, 2 YO	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick

NOTES

Notice of Annual Meeting of Members  
of Buffalo Ornithological Society, Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of members of Buffalo Ornithological Society, Inc., a Not-for-profit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, will be held at the Buffalo Museum of Science, Humboldt Park, Buffalo, New York at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 9, 1974 for the purpose of: (a) electing officers for the ensuing year; (b) electing members of the Council to fill all vacancies then existing; (c) fixing the dues of members for the ensuing year; and (d) transacting any and all other corporate business which may come before the meeting.

Marian Crone, Secretary

Report of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Marie Wendling, Chairperson, Walter Klabunde, Cynthia Millard and Joseph F. Thill, will offer the following

slate of nominees at the Annual Meeting on October 9, 1974, to fill the following positions until the next Annual Meeting:

Honorary President:	Harold Mitcmell
President:	Harriette Klabunde
Vice-President:	Edward Williams
Recording Secretary:	Ann Bauer
Treasurer:	Doris O'Malley
Librarian:	Margaret Wendling
Records Custodian:	Marie Wendling
Statisticians:	Robert Andrle
	Frances Rew

In addition it will present the names of Stanley King, Alice McKale and Cynthia Millard to fill the three vacancies on the Council due to expiration of the three-year terms of Arlene Rote, Joseph F. Thill and William C. Vaughan.

Marie Wendling,  
Chairperson

B.O.S. FORTY-FIFTH (SAVE THE DATE!) ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Place: Bufffalo Museum of Science  
Time: Saturday, November 9, 1974 Reception at 5:30 P.M.  
Dinner at 6:00 P.M.  
Cost: \$8.50 per person  
Guest Speaker: John L. Bull of the Department of Ornithology at the American Museum of Natural History, editor of the forthcoming publication, Birds Of New York State, who will speak on the preparation of this book.  
Reservations: Write to Mrs. Doris O'Malley, 760 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14301

Note: The Dinner Committee requests all members to bring for exhibition at the meeting any memorabilia they may have, such as photographs of field trips from the past or present or of members busy with their hobby of bird study. They may also wish to display examples of bird art or bird photography, or they may have cartoons or other material of interest to birders. If you have any such material to display, please contact Dr. Robert Andrle at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

There will be an exhibit of the original paintings, by a number of bird artists, used to illustrate the plates in Birds of New York State.

#### AUDUBON SOCIETY TO HONOR ROGER TORY PETERSON

On Saturday, October 26th, 1974, the Buffalo Audubon Society will host a dinner to honor Roger Tory Peterson, the famous bird artist and author. The dinner will be held at the Wanakah Country Club on New York Route #5 in the Town of Hamburg, 12 miles south of downtown Buffalo.

There will be a receiving line at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Following dinner, Dr. Peterson will show his color film "Wild Africa".

The cost is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per person, fourteen dollars of which is tax deductible as a donation to the Buffalo Audubon Beaver Meadow Environmental Education Center Building Fund. Please make checks payable to: Buffalo Audubon Society, Inc. c/o Mrs. Robert Hull, Ticket Chairman, 254 Hedstrom Drive, Buffalo, N.U. 14226.

#### The April Bird Count

In the May 1974 issue of The Prothonotary, in publishing the results of the April Bird Count, the names of the following observers were inadvertently left out of those who participated in covering territory #15.

The count leader for that territory extends his apologies to David and Dee Bigelow and Mr. John Kimm and belatedly thanks them for their cooperation.

#### AN ETHIC FOR BIRD WATCHERS

It is remarkable that so many bird watchers today are obsessed mainly with recognition. Like a collector they are content simply to spot a bird (even if it is a black dot in the distance), to chalk up the score, and to return triumphantly to base. The nearest they get to probing the great mystery of migration is to check the date of a migrant's arrival, and if it is earlier than usual that is a feather in the cap, and the end of the matter. But the intriguing questions of why, whence, and, whither, and the relation to these problems of a host of factors, conditions, and circumstances is never given a thought. Many enthusiasts today are not bird watchers at all, but simply bird scorers. A few annual bird reports are no more diverting than a telephone directory, and less useful.

This is a dangerous cult, the average naturalist's failure to accept responsibility in the desperate struggle ahead to conserve what remains of .... wild life. Some fanatical bird spotters assume a sort of moral right to spot, wherever they please, complaining about lack of access, about sport, about this and that-but what do they actually do for conservation? Are they fundamentally concerned about wild life, or only with their own freedom and opportunity to observe?



The point is this. The remaining unspoilt landscape .... and its wild life is faced inevitably with progressive extermination by the creeping pressure of development. The insatiable requirements of the horseless carriage, the official policy to approve commercial development rather than to contain it, new mechanical methods of farming, the poisoning of the soil, the rivers, and the sea, and a host of other factors - all these things spell doom for what the .... public loves both in spirit and in fact. These things, associated with the rise in the standard of living, may be right - naturalists would be the last to deny it - but is one desperate and vital factor being overlooked? There is not one man, woman, or child .... who does not owe something to the countryside. Is there a living soul who does not dream in the office, at the sink, or in school, of broad skies, forests and heaths, of streams, shores and the waves, and of the magic of winged flocks and of bird song? Every single one of us grows up dependent in some degree on these joyful things.

But, as we all know, it is never enough to cry sentiment and emotion, to bleat about one's own interests, to crusade and to defend. What is required are facts, arguments, proof, the resources to convince. Prove that the public will suffer, stir the conscience of the machine, and you may get somewhere. The world would be aghast if every copy of a Beethoven symphony was destroyed-yet man, the most thoughtless of predators, has already destroyed, for ever, several species of wild life.

From: Down the Long Wind

by Garth Christian  
1961 George Newnes, Ltd.,  
London

#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Club Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

- Oct. 9            Mr. David M. Bigelow: "Beaver Meadow and Its Birds"  
                  A lecture illustrated with colored slides and charts about  
                  the Audubon Beaver Meadow Environmental Education Center at  
                  North Java, New York.
- Oct. 23           Dr. Robert F. Andrie: "Birds in Europe"  
                  A lecture illustrated with colored slides taken during  
                  the speaker's 1974 trip to Central Europe.
- Nov. 9 (Saturday) Forty-fifth Birthday Banquet of the Society.  
                  (for details, see separate announcement in this issue.)



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Nov. 13            No meeting

Dec. 11            Miss Frances M. Rew: "Bird Watching in the Galapagos Islands."  
A lecture illustrated with colored slides taken during the speaker's  
1974 trip to the Galapagos Islands.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

October 13        October Bird Count. Check with Frances M. Rew - compiler  
for assignment of territories.  
Telephone 822-0342

October 18-20     New York State Federation of Bird Clubs annual meeting at  
Fredonia-Dunkirk Holiday Inn.

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## THE MONTH

August was cloudy, warm and wet with only 64% of possible sunshine recorded. The average temperature for the month was 69.9°, 1.5° above normal, while rainfall measured 3.64 inches, 0.11 inches above the norm. There were no major weather disturbances during the period. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The fall migration of small passerines was pronounced in the last ten days of the period in spite of rather flat weather patterns and no big cold fronts. The reports of bird kills at television towers and other electronic beacons were frequent, probably because of heavy cloud cover and resulting lack of visibility on the dates of the biggest flights, especially during the nights of August 23-24 and August 28-29. Elsewhere in this issue, Arthur Clark and Frances Rew publish their data concerning the number of species and individuals recovered at the bases of some of these towers in southern Erie and Chautauqua Counties.

Times Beach in the Buffalo Harbor continues to be the scene of some of the more exciting waterfowl, shorebird and gull observations in our study area. Observers visiting that location in August were treated to sights of such infrequent shorebird migrants such as Western Sandpiper, Willet and Wilson's Phalarope. Indeed, several individual Willets were seen well into September at that location.. In addition, Franklin's Gull, Little Gull and Caspian Tern were also reported. However, the most unusual record was that of thirty seven Hudsonian Godwits in one flock, first seen by Richard Byron, feeding on the mudflats at the beach in the fog following a heavy all night rain on the morning of August 17th. The B.O.S. grapevine brought a number of observers to the scene before the birds departed, flying southward down the foggy shore about 11:00 a.m. It is the first recorded instance of a flock of these birds in this area and their presence can probably be attributed to adverse meteorological conditions bringing them down to feed and rest until the weather improved.

The Monk Parakeet reported from the Town of Tonawanda on August 20th, was observed constructing a nest on the side of a factory building, using power lines for support, about eighteen feet above the ground. It subsequently abandoned this location and the nest was recovered by Dr. Robert Andrle and Arthur Clark of the Museum of Science and it is now in the collection of that institution. On the 30th, the bird was seen again, constructing a similar nest in a pear tree in a vacant lot near the factory. The bird's presence attracted the attention of officers from the State Department of Environmental Conservation but it subsequently disappeared and no further reports of attempted nesting activity have been received.

Joseph F. Tmill, 36 Allegany Avenue, Kenmore, N.Y. 14217

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	August	1-8	2 Mayville, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Great Egret	"	7	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Wilcove, Goodman
	"	18	2 Cayuga Pool, Iroquois NWR	Schaffners, Clarks
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	"	25	5 Tifft Nature Preserve, Buffalo	Andrles
Gadwall	"	<u>17</u>	6 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, Clark
Green-w. Teal	"	19F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
American Wigeon	"	10F, 24, 28	1, 3, 1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, Clark
Northern Shoveler	"	10F, 12, 13	1, 2 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, Clark
	"	30	2 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick, Graves
Redhead	"	<u>16</u>	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
	"	<u>28</u>	7 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
Lesser Scaup	"	27F, 28	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Byron
Red-br. Merganser	"	11	6 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	4	1 Belmont	Burtens

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Sharp-sh. Hawk	August	14	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	21	2 Farmersville	Andrle, Amadons, Clark
Cooper's Hawk	"	21	1 Franklinville	Andrle, Amadons, Clark
	"	26	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Broad-wing. Hawk	"	16F	1 Over Rose Hill Rd., Ontario	Axtells
Bald Eagle	"	27	1 (imm) Iroquois NWR	Heck, et al.
Turkey	"	20	flock Oil Springs	Keoples
* American Golden Plover	"	16F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
	"	24	11 St. Catharines, Ont.	Andrles
	"	27-31	1 Prendergast Pt., Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, et al.
Black-bell. Plover	"	1F	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Wendlings, Ulrich
Upland Sandpiper	"	24	7 St. Catharines, Ont.	Andrles
	"	25, 29, 30L	1 Over Rose Hill Rd. Ont.	Axtells
Solitary Sandpiper	"	1F	2 Erie Beach, Windmill Pt. Ont.	Andrle, Byron
	"	3	3 West Almond	Burtens
* Willet	"	13F, 14	1, 1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell, Wilcove, Goodman
	"	27-30	1-2 Times Beach	Andrle
Greater Yellowlegs	"	11F	3 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	25	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Filor, Wagner
Lesser Yellowlegs	"	1	52 Windmill Pt., Ont.	Andrle, Byron
	"	4	131 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
	"	18	137 Cayuga Pool, Iroquois NWR	Schaffner, Clark
* Red Knot	"	1F	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
	"	4-30	1-7 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, Clark, Mitchell, et al.
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	17	10 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
W.-rump. Sandpiper	"	17	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Baird Sandpiper	"	7, 25	1, 1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Klabundes, Filor, Wagner
	"	25-31	5 Prendergast Pt. Chautauqua L.	Sundell
Short-b. Dowitcher	"	1, 5	7, 1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron, Mitchell
	"	7; 8-29	1-12 Times Beach, Buffalo	Klabundes, Andrle, et al.
	"	3, 27-31	1, 6 Prendergast Pt. Chautauqua L.	Sundell, et al
Stilt Sandpiper	"	1	4 Erie Beach, Windmill Pt., Ont.	Andrle, Byron

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Stilt Sandpiper	August	7,28,29	8,2,1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Wilcove, Goodman, Andrle, et al.
	"	2,29-31	1,2	Prendergast Pt., Chautauqua L.	Sundell, et al.
<u>Western Sandpiper</u>	"	26F-29	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
	"	28	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Wilcove, Goodman
* <u>Hudsonian Godwit</u>	"	17F	37	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
		(unprecedented number; see <u>The Month</u> )			
* <u>Wilson's Phalarope</u>	"	<u>25F-30</u>	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Wilcove, Wagner, Andrle, et al.
Gr. Black-b. Gull	"	1,28	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
Franklin's Gull	"	17F,27-30	1-3	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Mitchell, Wagner, et al.
Bonaparte's Gull	"	24	750	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
Little Gull	"	27F,29	2,1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Byron; Mitchell
* <u>Forster's Tern</u>	"	27F	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Mitchell
Common Tern	"	18	500	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
Caspian Tern	"	1-30	1-9	Times Beach, Buffalo (max. 8/2 Mitchell)	Andrle, Klabundes, Mitchell, Schaffner, et al.
	"	8	2	Fluvanna, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
	"	22	6	Barcelona	Sundell
	"	30	4	Bemus Creek, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
* <u>Monk Parakeet</u>	"	20,30 (see <u>The Month</u> )	N,1 & N	Town of Tonawanda	Andrle, Mitchell, et al.
Common Nighthawk	"	29,30	34,27	Over Rose Hill Rd. Ont.	Axtells
Yellow-b. Flycatcher	"	23F,30	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Olive-s. Flycatcher	"	7F	1	Linden Ave., Buffalo	Wilcove
	"	24	1	Farmersville	Mitchell, Wendling
	"	29	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Tufted Titmouse	"	11-31	1-2	Spring Brook	Danner
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	21	2	Farmersville	Andrle, Amadons, Clark
	"	21	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	30F	1	Eggertsville	McKales
Carolina Wren	"	8	1,1	Fluvanna, Lakewood	Sundell
	"	11	1	Barcelona	Sundell
	"	11-31	2-4	(nesting) Spring Brook	Danner
	"	17,18,24,26	1-2	Belmont	Burtens
	"	20	2	Williamsville	Wendling
	"	28	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
	"	28	3	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Swainson's Thrush	"	21F-31	1-15	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
	"	29	1	Lewiston	Klabundes

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Eastern Bluebird	August	1-31	4 Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	3	2 Town of Angelica	Burtens
Bl.-gr. Gnatcatcher	"	17F	2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	25	1 Tifft Nature Preserve,	
"	"		Buffalo	Andrles
"	"	25	1 Iroquois NWR	McKales
Golden-cr. Kinglet	"	21	5 Farmersville	Andrle, Amadons,
"	"			Clark
Solitary Vireo	"	23F	1 BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
Philadelphia Vireo	"	30F, 31	1, 1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Bl.-&-w. Warbler	"	23F	3 BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
"	"	24	1; 1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.;	Axtells, McKales
"	"		Eggertsville	
Golden-w. Warbler	"	30F	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Brewster's Warbler	"	7, 30	1, 2 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Tennessee Warbler	"	21F	2 Rose Hill Rd	Axtells
"	"	25	5 Tifft Nature Preserve	
"	"		Buffalo	Andrles
Nashville Warbler	"	18F	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	22	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
"	"	25	1 Tifft Nature Preserve	
"	"		Buffalo	Andrles
Magnolia Warbler	"	26F	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
"	"	29	1 Eggertsville	McKales
Cape May Warbler	"	22F	2 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
"	"	28	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
Bl.-thr. Blue Warbler	"	25F	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	26F	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Bl.-thr. Green Warbler	"	25F	1 Tifft Nature Preserve	
"	"		Buffalo	Andrles
Blackburnian Warbler	"	19F	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
"	"	21	1 Snyder	DeKleine
Chestnut-s. Warbler	"	23F	1 BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
"	"	25	2; 1 Tifft Nature Preserve;	
"	"		Eggertsville	Andrles; McKales
Bay-br. Warbler	"	17F	1 Tifft Nature Preserve,	
"	"		Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	23	1 BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
Blackpoll Warbler	"	27F	2 Lakeside Cemetery,	
"	"		Hamburg	Andrle
"	"	14F	1 Eggertsville	McKales
"	"	28	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
Nor. Waterthrush	"	17F	1 Tifft Nature Preserve,	
"	"		Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	29	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Wilson's Warbler	"	25F	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
"	"	28	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
Canada Warbler	"	20F	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells

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Canada Warbler	August	23	3 BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
Amer. Redstart	"	10F	1 Tiff Nature Preserve, Buffalo	Schaffner,
	"	11	1 Spring Brook	Clark
				Danner

Species, Subspecies and Hybrids Previously Recorded This Year . . . 241

Species, Subspecies and Hybrids Recorded this issue . . . . . 7

Total to Date . . . . . 248

1974 NESTING RECORDS - 111

Great Blue Heron	August	3	3 Near Towns Corners	Mitchell
			(a few birds, probably young, on nests)	
Eastern Phoebe	"	28	2 YO Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Alder Flycatcher	"	11	2 YO Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Carolina Wren	July	20	Building nest atop 30 gallon	Danner
			drum among flower pots & flats;	
			Spring Brook	
	"	26	N 5E Spring Brook	Danner
	August	11	Adult observed on nest Spring Brook	Danner
	"	24	Nest observed abandoned Spring Brook	Danner
Brown Thrasher	"	15	1 YO Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Yellow Warbler	"	7	2 YO Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Yellowthroat	"	7	3 YO Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Cowbird	"	5,9	1 YO Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
			(being fed by Savannah Sparrow)	
Rose-br. Grosbeak	"	18,30	3 YO Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Indigo Bunting	"	11,18,30	3 YO, 4 YO, 2 YO Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Purple Finch	"	18	2 YO Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick



## DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE WEATHER?

Following is a reprint of the NARRATIVE CLIMATOLOGICAL SUMMARY published annually by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Data Services for Buffalo, N.Y. and Vicinity which should be of interest to Bird Watchers.

For nearly 75 years the National Weather Service Office at Buffalo was located downtown overlooking the waterfront. Instruments were exposed high above the ground level. On July 1, 1943, the office was moved to the Buffalo Airport. Roof exposures were maintained generally until August 1961 when radically lower levels were prescribed to meet aviation requirements. Vertical variability of many weather elements is much more pronounced than is the horizontal, hence, with the establishment of "ground" level exposures, discontinuity in the record has occurred.

The surrounding country is comparatively low and level to the west, gently rolling to the east and south, rising to pronounced hills within 12 to 18 miles, and to 1,000 feet above the level of Lake Erie at a point some 35 miles south-southeast of the City.

At the present location an escarpment of 50 to 100 feet lies east-west 1-1/2 miles to the north. The eastern end of Lake Erie is now 9 miles to the west-southwest, while Lake Ontario lies 25 miles to the north, the two being connected by the Niagara River, which flows north-northwestward from the end of Lake Erie.

Buffalo is located near the mean position of the polar front. Its weather is varied and changeable, characteristic of the latitude. Wide seasonal swings of temperature from hot to cold are tempered appreciably by the proximity of Lakes Erie and Ontario. Lake Erie lies to the southwest, the direction of the prevailing wind. Wind flow throughout the year is somewhat higher due to this exposure. The vigorous interplay of warm and cold airmasses during the winter and early spring months causes one or more windstorms. Precipitation is moderate and fairly evenly divided throughout the twelve months.

The spring season is cloudy and cooler than points not affected by the cold lake. Vegetation is retarded, a fact that protects it from late spring frosts. With heavy winter ice accumulations in the lake, typical spring conditions are delayed until late May or early June.

Summer comes suddenly in mid-June. Lake breezes temper the extreme heat of the summer season. Temperatures of 90° and above are infrequent. There is more summer sunshine here than in any other section of the state. Due to the stabilizing effects of Lake Erie, thunderstorms are relatively infrequent. Most of them are caused by frontal action. To the north and south of the City thunderstorms occur more often.

Autumn has long, dry periods and is frost free usually until mid-October. Cloudiness

increases in November, continuing mostly cloudy throughout the winter and early spring. Snow flurries off the lake begin in mid-November or early December. Outbreaks of arctic air in December and on through the winter months produce locally heavy snowfalls from the lake. At the sametime, temperatures of well below zero over Canada and the mid-west are raised 10° to 30° in crossing the lakes. Only on rare occasions do polar airmasses drop southward from Eastern Hudson Bay across Lake Ontario without appreciable warming.

#### NOTES

##### Dues Are Due!

Dues for membership in the Buffalo Ornithological Society for 1974-75 are now due. Send your check for renewal of regular membership, including subscription to The Prothonotary - Eight Dollars (\$8.00) to the treasurer, Mrs. Doris C. O'Malley at 760 Main Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14301.

##### New Active Members

At the Society's annual meeting on October 9th, the following associate members were proposed and accepted for active membership in the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Our congratulations to:

Mrs. Anna M. Bauer  
Donald Clark  
Mrs. Carolyn Frank  
Ralph E. Gardiner  
Mrs. Clara Henderson  
Mrs. Eva Paulson  
William Rebovich  
Mrs. Pauline Schwartz  
Mr. Robert F. Schwartz  
Dr. R. L. Sommerville

##### Additions and Corrections - 1974 Roster

All members and particularly those who received their rosters before the October mailing, should check their rosters to make sure that they reflect all of the following additions and corrections:

Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. David	457-3228
Walker, Mrs. Kenneth	649-1242

##### Telephone Number Additions:

Clark, Donald	1-676-2176
Partridge, Dr. Raymond	839-1382
Thill, Joseph	877-7257
Burton, Lou	1-268-5147

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Addition - Corresponding Members:

EATON, Dr. Stephen W. Corres. '50  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. Bonaventure, N.Y. 14778

Please also add the following members who have joined since the roster was printed:  
The Society is pleased to welcome the following new members:

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Frances M. Rew, Chairperson, Membership Committee

TOWER KILL RECORD: August 28, 1974 A. R. Clark, R. D. Semlitsch

Species	WGR	WKBW	(WBEN -none found)	Total
1. Veery	2		WUTV	2
2. Red-eyed Vireo	5 (1)	2		7
3. Bl.-&-w. Warbler	5		1	6
4. Tennessee Warbler	1			1
5. Yellow Warbler	1			1
6. Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	1			1
7. Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	1			1
8. Blackburn. Warbler	11	1		12

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Tower Kill record, cont.

Species	WGR	WKBW	(WBEN - none found) WUTV	Total
9. Chestnut-s Warbler	2			2
10 Ovenbird		1		1
11 Canada Warbler	<u>7</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>7</u>
Total	36	4	1	41

TOWER KILL RECORD: August 30, 1974

A. R. Clark, R. D. Semlitsch

Species	WGR	WKBW and WBEN - none
Yellow-b. Flycatcher	1	
Blackburnian Warbler	2	
Canada Warbler	1	

Arthur R. Clark, 442 Schiller St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14212

Bird kill - BOCES Tower - Town of Pomfret, Chautauqua County

Birds Picked up Saturday, August 24, 1974

F. Rew, L. Buck

1	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	
1	Swainson's Thrush	
2	Yellow Warblers	
1	Blackburnian Warbler	
1	Ovenbird	
3	Northern Waterthrush	
1	Yellowthroat	
11	Canada Warblers	Total 21 birds

Birds picked up Thursday, August 29, 1974

F. Rew, L. Buck

3	Yellow-bellied Flycatchers	
1	Least Flycatcher	
3	Black and White Warblers	
1	Tennessee Warbler	
1	Magnolia Warbler	
2	Blackburnian Warblers	
2	Bay-breasted Warblers	
1	Ovenbird	
1	Mourning Warbler	
1	Wilson's Warblers	
6	Canada Warblers	
2	Am. Redstarts	Total 24 birds

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Bird kill -BOCES Tower cont.

Birds picked up Friday, August 30, 1974

F. Rew, L. Buck

L Least Flycatcher  
2 Red-eyed Vireos  
1 Blackburnian Warbler  
1 Cape May Warbler  
1 Canada Warbler

Total 6 birds

Frances M. Rew, 129 Arbour Lane, Bkffalo, N.Y. 14220

#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

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November 27 No meeting

December 11 Frances M. Rew: "Bird Watching in the Galapagos Islands." An illustrated lecture of the speaker's 1974 trip to the Galapagos Islands.

December 25 No meeting

#### PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

November 3 Niagara Loop Trip. Leader: Mary Louise Emerson (tel. 885-0067.) Meet at the Vermont Street entrance to the Peace Bridge at 8:00 a.m.

November 24 Niagara Loop Trip. Leader: Harold Axtell (tel. 1-416-871-6999.) Meet at the Vermont Street entrance to the Peace Bridge at 8:00 a.m.

December 22 Christmas Bird Count. Dr. Alan A. Reckhow, count leader. Telephone leader at 876-0078 for assignment of territory.  
NOTE: All participants are requested to meet at the restaurant at the Grand Island Plaza on Grand Island Blvd. near Whitehaven Road, at 5:00 p.m. to make their reports. Each observer who wishes to have his or her name published with the results of the count in the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count in American Birds must pay

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September was cloudy and cool with an average temperature of  $59.6^{\circ}$ , two degrees below normal for the period. Precipitation measured 2.42 inches, a departure from the norm of -0.83 inches. Only 53% of possible sunshine for the period was recorded. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The unsettled weather kept a steady flow of shorebirds and small passerine migrants passing through the area throughout the month. The first six days were cloudy and wet and below average temperatures following major cold fronts on the 14th, 22nd-23rd and the 30th, produced large waves of migrants as reflected in the heavy mortality at area television towers on those dates. (See data compiled by Arthur Clark elsewhere in this issue.) On the 22nd, the writer once again was a member of a party of local birders, led by Dr. Robert Andrie, which journeyed to Hawk Cliff, two miles east of Port Stanley, Ontario, in the small hours of the morning to witness another spectacular hawk flight. Gusty north-northwest winds with cool temperatures, which prevailed throughout the day, brought large numbers of Broad-wing and Sharp-shinned hawks, American Kestrel and smaller numbers of other raptors in an almost unbroken stream from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Periodic strong wind velocity on this date served to move the line of buteo flight nearer the Lake Erie shoreline where for several exciting moments they would pass low over the assembled watchers while Sharp-shinned hawks, kestrels and harriers were easily seen at eye level. It is a birding experience which one cannot soon forget. (See 'Notes' in this issue.)

An immature Bald Eagle which was reported from the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge throughout the month, was seen by many observers.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Horned Grebe	September	24F	1 East Eden Pond	Bourne
Pied-billed Grebe	"	6,19,27 19,13,12	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Gr. Blue Heron	"	6,19,27 81,26,27	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Green Heron	"	10	30 Iroquois NWR	Riley
			(night roost)	
Great Egret	"	3-16;23	7;2 Iroquois NWR,	Morse, Klabundes,
			Tonawanda GMA	Schaffner, et al.
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	"	12,15,16	16,6,9 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Klabundes,
				Schaffner
	"	14	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Canada Goose	"	1	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	6,19,27 392,631,1532	Iroquois NWR	Morse
		(first migrating flocks noted 9/18)		
	"	11,19	21,31 Beaver Meadow	
			Env. Ctr.	Bigelow
Mallard	"	6,19,27 329,356,346	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Black Duck	"	6,19,27 33,20,17	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Gadwall	"	19,27	17,8 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Pintail	"	2	3 Times Beach,	Schaffner, Clark,
			Buffalo	Leonards
	"	6,19,27	7,12,8 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Green-w. Teal	"	6,19,27	51,33,31 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Blue-w. Teal	"	6,19,27	226,193,38 Iroquois NWR	Morse
American Wigeon	"	6,19,27	176,653,1200 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Northern Shoveler	"	3F,10	1,3 Times Beach,	
			Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	11	2 Buckhorn Island	
			State Park	Mitchell
	"	15	2 Iroquois NWR	Klabundes
	"	24	2 East Eden Pond	Bourne
Greater Scaup	"	22F	5 Near Vineland Sta.,	
			Ont.	Schaffner, Clark

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Lesser Scaup	September	10,18	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
White-w. Scoter	"	22F	9	Near Vineland Sta., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Ruddy Duck	"	24F	1	East Eden Pond	Bourne
Hooded Merganser	"	6F, 19, 27	28, 7, 0	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	11	3	Buckhorn Island State Park	Mitchell
Sharp-sh. Hqwk	"	12	1	Hanging Bog at New Hudson	Keoples
	"	16	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Cooper's Hawk	"	5-19	1-2	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	6	1	Town of Ward	Burtens
	"	13	1	Cuba	Keoples
	"	28	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Bald Eagle	"	5-27	1	(imm.) Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen et al.
Osprey	"	16-19	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Heck, Morse
	"	27	1	Beaver Meadow	Bigelow
Turkey	"	5, 12, 28	1-2	flocks Cuba	Keoples
	"	16	1	flock New Hudson	Keoples
Amer. Golden Plover	"	1-13	1	Prendergast Pt. Chautauqua L.	Sundell, et al.
	"	17, 18, 19	1, 4, 1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, et al.
Common Snipe	"	15F	15	Iroquois NWR	Klabundes
	"	16	57	Cayuga Pool, Iroquois NWR	Schaffner, Clark
Solitary Sandpiper	"	2	7	Prendergast Pt. Chautauqua L.	Sundell
	"	25L	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Willet	"	1-14	1-5	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, Clark, et al.
				(max. on 9/2)	
	"	<u>16-19; 22L</u>	1-2; 1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, Clark, et al.
Lesser Yellowlegs	"	16	159	Cayuga Pool, Iroquois NWR	Schaffner, Clark
Red Knot	"	1-29	1-4	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
				(max. on 9/11)	
	"	25	1	Hamburg Town Park	Bourne
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	22	35	(max.) Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Pratt, Clark, et al.
Baird's Sandpiper	"	1-6	5	Prendergast Pt. Chautauqua L.	Sundell, et al.
	"	26, 27L	2, 3	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark, Pratt

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Dunlin	September	14F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, Clark
Short-b. Dowitcher	"	1-27	1-7 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
		(max. 9/2)		
	"	1-2;13-20	6;1 Prendergast Pt. Chautauqua L.	Sundell, Olson
	"	6,14,17,30L	21,20,5,3 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Olsen
	"	9	4 East Eden Pond	Bourne
*Long-b. Dowitcher	"	16	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Clark
Stilt Sandpiper	"	1-11	1-2 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
	"	1-2	2 Prendergast Pt., Chautauqua L.	Sundell
	"	17	15 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Hudsonian Godwit	"	5	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Heck, et al.
Sanderling	"	1	51 Erie Beach, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
*Northern Phalarope	"	6F,14,19	3,3,1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	15	1 Iroquois NWR	Klabundes
*Parasitic Jaeger	"	20F	1 Hamburg Town Park	Bourne
	"	22	5 Near Vineland Sta., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Gr. Black-b. Bull	"	1	6 Chippawa, Niagara Falls, Port Dalhousie, Erie, Beach, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	11	3 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	14	7 Niagara Falls, Port Weller, Port Dalhousie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	15	4 Donnelly's Pier, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
	"	22	2,22 Port Dalhousie, Port Maitland, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Franklin's Gull	"	2-27	1-4 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
		(max. 9/26)		
	"	15	2 Bird Island Pier, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
	"	18	1 Hamburg Town Park	Bourne
Bonaparte's Gull	"	2	3000 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
	"	10	2000 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Little Gull	"	1-27	1-5 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Mitchell, et al.

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Little Gull	September	11	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	15	2	Bird Island Pier, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
	"	16	1	Athol Springs	Bourne
Forster's Tern	"	2	2	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
Caspian Tern	"	7-24L	2	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Mitchell, et al.
	"	14, 22	2	Port Dalhousie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	22	2	Near Vineland Sta., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Common Nighthawk	"	12	25	Buffalo	Klabundes
	"	13L	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Chimney Swift	"	22L	75	Niagara River at Peace Bridge	Wagner, et al.
Red-headed Wdpkr.	"	2	1	Rosburg	Fitzricks
	"	2, 16	26, 1	Belmont	Burtens, Casterlines
	"	6	1	Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne
	"	1, 11	2, 1	Town of Amity, Town of Almond	Burtens
Eastern Kingbird	"	9L	2	Town of Hudson	Burtens
Gr. Crest. Flycatcher	"	20L	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Yellow-b. Flycatcher	"	10	1	Hamburg	Bourne
Least Flycatcher	"	24L	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
Olive-s. Flycatcher	"	6L	1	Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne
Tree Swallow	"	22	300	Dunnville, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Barn Swallow	"	22L	30	Dunnville, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Purple Martin	"	1	4000	Black Creek Twp. Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-30	2-3	Spring Brook	Danner
	"	20	1	Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	2	4	Town of Almond	Klingensmith
	"	11	1	Birdsall	Burtens
	"	22	2	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	22	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
	"	29	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
Brown Creeper	"	22F	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	23	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
Winter Wren	"	21F	1	Colden	Schaffner, Clark
	"	24	1	Angola	Mitchell
Carolina Wren	"	1-30	2-4	Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1, 16	1	Belmont	Burtens
	"	2, 10, 16	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	4	2	Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	6	1	Fluvanna	Sundell
	"	30	1	Cuba (f)	Keoples, et al

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*Short-b. Marsh Wren	September	30F	1	Town of Hamburg	Bourne
Mockingbird	"	23	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
"	"	29	1	Hamburg	Bourne
Hermit Thrush	"	20F	1	Lakeside Cemetery Hamburg	Bourne
Swainson's Thrush	"	1	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Veery	"	14L	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
Eastern Bluebird	"	14	4	Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	14,30	2,2	Almond, Amity Lake	Smith, V. Pitzrick
"	"	23	1	Hickox Rd., Hamburg	Bourne
Golden-cr. Kinglet	"	28F	3	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	29	15	18-Mile Creek, Town of Evans	Wagner, et al
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	"	23F	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
Water Pipit	"	14F	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	20	1	Prendergast Pt., Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Yellow-thr. Vireo	"	25L	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Philadelphia Vireo	"	7,10,21	1-2	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	21	17	South Wales, Colden	Schaffner, Clark, Wade
Blue-w. Warbler	"	10L	1	Town of Amity	Burtens
Orange-cr. Warbler	"	24F	1	East Eden Pond	Bourne
"	"	25	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
Parula Warbler	"	12F	1	Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	20	1	Cheney's Pt., Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
Yellow Warbler	"	16L	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Blackburnian Warbler	"	29	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Palm Warbler	"	7F	4	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	11	1	Birdsall	Burtens
*Connecticut Warbler	"	23F	1	Hickox Rd., Hamburg	Bourne
Hooded Warbler	"	24L	1	Cuba	Keoples
Bobolink	"	22L	1	Sherkston, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Northern Oriole	"	10L	3	Spring Brook	Danner
Rusty Blackbird	"	20F	1	Lighthouse Pt., Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Scarlet Tanager	"	4F	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	30L	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
Indigo Bunting	"	16L	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
White-w. Crossbill	"	6F	4	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
White-thr. Sparrow	"	18F	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	22	2	Lewiston	Klabundes
Lincoln's Sparrow	"	21F	1	Colden	Schaffner, Clark, Wade

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year	248
Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue	4
Total	252

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 3, 1974

A. R. Clark

<u>Species</u>	<u>WGR</u>	WKBW and WBEN - not checked WUTV - none found
Green Heron	1	
Yellow-b. Flycatcher	1	
Swainson's Thrush	1	
Veery	1	
Red-eyed Vireo	3	
Blackburnian Warbler	1	
Nor. Waterthrush	1	
Mourning Warbler	1	
Canada Warbler	1	
Amer. Redstart	1	

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 8, 1974

A.R. Clark & A. Schaffner

<u>Species</u>	<u>WGR</u>	WKBW - none found WBEN - not checked
Magnolia Warbler	1	
Bay-br. Warbler	2	
Blackpoll Warbler	1	

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 12, 1974

A. R. Clark

<u>Species</u>	<u>WGR</u>	Other towers not checked
Sora	1	

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 14, 1974

A. R. Clark, A. Schaffner, S.E. Wade

<u>Species</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Yellow-b. Flycatcher		1	1	2
2. Least Flycatcher	1			1
3. E. Wood Pewee		1		1
4. Swainson's Thrush	1	3		4
5. Veery	3	1		4
6. Red-eyed Vireo	3	4	4	11
7. Tennessee Warbler	1	1	1	3
8. Nashville Warbler	1			1

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<u>Species</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
9. Yellow Warbler			1	1
10. Magnolia Warbler	1	1		2
11. Cape May Warbler			1	1
12. Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler		1		1
13. Blackburn. Warbler	1			1
14. Chestnut-s. Warbler	1	1		2
15. Bay-br. Warbler	5	8	2	15
16. Blackpoll Warbler		3	1	4
17. Ovenbird	4	7	1	12
18. Nor. Waterthrush		1		1
19. Canada Warbler		1		1
20. Amer. Redstart	1	1	1	3
TOTALS	23	35	13	71

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 21, 1974 A. R. Clark, S. E. Wade, & A. Schaffner

<u>Species</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Yellow-b. Sapsucker	1	3		4
2. Least Flycatcher		1		1
3. Brown Creeper	1			1
4. House Wren	1	2		3
5. Winter Wren		1		1
6. Gray Catbird		6		6
7. Wood Thrush	1	3		4
8. Swainson's Thrush		15		15
9. Gray-ch. Thrush		2		2
10. Veery		2		2
11. Solitary Vireo		1	1	2
12. Red-eyed Vireo	5	25	2	32
13. Philadelphia Vireo	1	15	1	17
14. Bl.-&-w. Warbler	6	9		15
15. Tennessee Warbler	1	8	1	10
16. Nashville Warbler	2	10		12
17. Parula Warbler		2		2
18. Magnolia Warbler	10	20	3	33
19. Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	3	8	2	13
20. Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler		7	1	8
21. Blackburn. Warbler	1	6	1	8
22. Chestnut-s. Warbler	4	8		12
23. Bay-br. Warbler	6	54	6	66
24. Blackpoll Warbler	1	6	1	8
25. Palm Warbler		2		2

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<u>Species</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
26. Ovenbird	4	52		56
27. Nor. Waterthrush		2		2
28. Common Yellowthroat		8		8
29. Wilson's Warbler		2		2
30. Canada Warbler		1		1
31. Amer. Redstart	2	8	5	15
32. Scarlet Tanager		1	1	2
33. Rose-br. Grosbeak	1	11		12
34. Savannah Sparrow		1		1
35. White-thr. Sparrow		2		2
36. Lincoln's Sparrow		1		1
37. Swamp Sparrow		2		2
TOTALS	51	307	25	383

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 29, 1974

A. R. Clark & A. Schaffner

<u>Species</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Red-eyed Vireo	2	5		7
Philadelphia Vireo	1	2		3
Bl.-&w. Warbler		1		1
Tennessee Warbler	1	1		2
Nashville Warbler		1		1
Magnolia Warbler	5	1		6
Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	1			1
Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	9	3		12
Blackburn. Warbler	2			2
Chestnut-s. Warbler	1			1
Bay-br. Warbler	1	2		3
Blackpoll Warbler	1			1
Ovenbird	1	4	1	6
TOTALS:	25	20	1	46

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 30, 1974

A. R. Clark and S. E. Wade

<u>Species</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Belted Kingfisher	1			1
2. Swainson's Thrush		2		2
3. Veery		1		1
4. Yellow-thr. Vireo		1		1
5. Solitary Vireo	1	2		3
6. Red-eyed Vireo	4	7		11
7. Philadelphia Vireo	2	3		5
8. Bl.-&-w. Warbler	1	6		7
9. Tennessee Warbler	1	13		14
10. Nashville Warbler	4	22	1	27
11. Magnolia Warbler	10	45	1	56
12. Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler		10		10
13. Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	3	19		22
14. Blackburn. Warbler		11		11
15. Chestnut-s. Warbler		7	1	8
16. Bay-br. Warbler	3	23	2	28
17. Blackpoll Warbler	3	6		9
18. Ovenbird	2	34	1	37
19. Connecticut Warbler		1		1
20. Mourning Warbler		1		1
21. Common Yellowthroat		2		2
22. Canada Warbler	1	1		2
23. Amer. Redstart		1		1
24. Scarlet Tanager	1	1		2
25. Rose-br. Grosbeak		1		1
26. Indigo Bunting	1			1
27. Wh.-cr. Sparrow	1			1
28. Lincoln's Sparrow		1		1
TOTALS	39	221	6	266*

\*Plus 2 Bl. thr. Gr. Warblers found at WUTV

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ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Shorebird trip along north shore of Lake Erie

The field trip on September 2nd was favored by pleasantly cool, partially overcast weather; not too windy for observing the variety of early fall migrants we hoped to see.

Before crossing into Canada we visited Times Beach where 2 Willets and a Western Sandpiper were the outstanding birds. There were many shorebirds including Short-billed Dowitcher, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Yellowlegs, Knot, Stilt. Among the ducks were Blacks, Mallard, Blue-w. Teal and Shoveler. Also there were Bonaparte, Ring-b. and Herring Gulls, Common, Black and Caspian Terns.

In Canada, Waverly Beach added Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers. A wide variety of birds were observed on the old Erie Beach park lands including the usual Chickadees, Downy Woodpecker, Flicker, Robins, Cardinals, Catbirds and Baltimore Oriole. Among the warblers seen were Blackburnian, Bay-breasted, Magnolia, Black and White, and Tennessee. While a couple of Carolina Wrens sang and scolded we tried to see a White-eyed Vireo as it called frequently while moving through the bushes. Red-eyed, Warbling and Philadelphia Vireos were also seen. A variety of flycatchers were seen including Wood Pewee, Great Crested and 'empidonax' species.

The turf farms near Lowbanks were searched in vain for a possible Buff-br. Sandpiper, but we did observe 5 Black-b. Plover still handsome in their breeding plumage.

At Rock Point Provincial Park a Baird's Sandpiper was seen on the rocky shore. Among the trees and shrubs on the cliff edge many small birds were busily feeding. Added to our day's list were Blue-gr. Gnatcatcher, Redstart, Northern Waterthrush, Palm, Black-thr. Blue, Black-thr. Green, Chestnut sided, Nashville and Canada Warblers as well as Swainson's and Wood Thrush.

At the last stop, Morgan's Point, a Forster's Tern was added to our list. In all, about 75 species were observed.

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Hunter's Creek State Park Field Trip

On September 21st, six of us ignored the steady drizzle to visit Hunter Creek Park in southern Erie County. Although the rain prevented us from seeing birds, we took the path down to the creek and walked in the creek bed. A small group of chickadees came close, proclaiming their identity. We also heard a White-br. Nuthatch, Robins and Blue Jays. As the rain increased we gave up. At least we had learned the way and assessed the attraction of the area as a good place to observe birds in season!

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December 25th: No meeting

January 8th: Joint meeting with the Buffalo Audubon Society. Members are requested to bring color slides of birds or other nature subjects as program will consist of slide show of area nature photographers best work.

January 22nd: Panel discussion of identification of winter finches and other rare winter visitants, led by William Vaughan.

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January 12th: Target date for N.Y. State Federation of Bird Clubs Waterfowl Count. Inclusive dates for the count are January 11th through 19th but all participants are urged to be in the field on the 12th if possible. Count co-ordinator, Dr. Alan Reckhow; call at TR6-0078 for assignment of territory.

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## THE MONTH

October was cool and dry with an average temperature of  $49.2^{\circ}$ , a departure of  $-2.3^{\circ}$  from the norm. Precipitation measured 1.75 inches, with only a trace of snow, 1.26 inches below normal for this period. The month began with unusually cold weather with thermometer readings  $18^{\circ}$  below normal on the 2nd and 3rd days. Two inches of snow cover were reported from the hilly areas south of Buffalo on the second. Temperatures were average for the season during most of the remainder of the month with Indian Summer belatedly arriving on the 26th and the period ended with the area basking in unseasonably warm and sunny weather. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The colder weather brought a seasonal movement of waterfowl and gulls into the area and the Axtells recorded 15,000 Bonaparte's Gulls on the Niagara River on the 21st. A Red-necked Grebe, always rare at this season, was seen on Lake Erie off Wanakah by Tom Bourne on the 22nd. Two very rare boreal woodpeckers were observed in the study area during October. On the 18th day, Dave Wilcove observed a male Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker probing the bark of a dead sapling on Linden Avenue in North Buffalo and on the 27th, Alice and Bill McKale discovered a Northern Three-toed Woodpecker working over a dead limb in a large evergreen at the rear of the Oakland Rural Cemetery next to the Four Mile Creek State Park in the town of Porter in Niagara County. A second report of a Black-backed Woodpecker was received in November and readers should be alerted to the possible occurrence of more of these birds before the winter is over. The Carolina Wren 'population explosion' continues unabated as evidenced by the records from all parts of the study area during the month. The Sharp-tailed Sparrow reported by Dr. Stanley from the State University Campus at Fredonia was found dead after striking a window.

The many late records of shore birds from the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is of interest. John Morse reports that most of the birds were seen at

Cayuga Pool on the Lewiston Road and Ring-neck Marsh on Sour Springs Road on the refuge.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	October	25	11 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
* Red-necked Grebe	"	22	1 Off Wanakah	Bourne
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	"	6	3 Tifft Nature Pre-serve, Buffalo	Andrle
Whistling Swan	"	20	4 Chautauqua Lake	Mitchell, et al.
Canada Goose	"	1,2	14,85 Beaver Meadow	
	"		Audubon Ctr.	Bigelow
	"	1,2	15,90 Almond, Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	1,2,12,18	70,74,100,5 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
	"	11,25	2163,1052 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	15	8 Belfast	Burtons
Snow Goose (white)	"	21-25	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	23	1 Cayuga Pool, Iroquois NWR	Axtells
Snow Goose (blue)	"	11,22,24,25	2,1,1,1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	23	1 Cayuga Pool, Iroquois NWR	Axtells, Byron
	"	24	1 Woodlawn	Bourne
Gadwall	"	11,25	5,43 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Pintail	"	11,25	34,23 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Green-w. Teal	"	11,25	16,26 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Blue-w. Teal	"	11	23 Iroquois NWR	Morse
American Wigeon	"	11,25	270,167 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Northern Shoveler	"	11,25L	3,1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Wood Duck	"	11	31 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Redhead	"	11,25	2,1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	18	225 Mayville, Chautauqua L.	Sundell, Olson

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Ring-necked Duck	October	11,25	9,25	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Canvasback	"	11F	2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Greater Scaup	"	23	9000	East End of Lake Erie	Axtells
Lesser Scaup	"	4	73	Lakewood, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Common Goldeneye	"	18	1	Mayville, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
	"	20	2	Hamburg Town Park	Andrle
	"	20	5	Niagara River	Wagner, et al.
Bufflehead	"	20	2	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	20	7	Niagara River	Wagner et al.
	"	22	2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Oldsquaw	"	18F	6	Greenhurst, Chau- tauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
	"	20	25	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
White-w. Scoter	"	18	1	Bemus Pt., Chau- tauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
	"	20	2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	23	1	4-Mile Creek State Park	Klabundes
Surf Scoter	"	6F	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
	"	17	4	Hamburg Town Park	Bourne
	"	18	3	Bemus Pt., Chau- tauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
	"	20	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, Wagner
	"	20	3	Clinton Town- ship, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Black Scoter	"	20	60	Clinton Twp., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	20	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	24	1	Bay View	Bourne
Ruddy Duck	"	11,25	4,2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	11	7	Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Hooded Merganser	"	18	30	Mayville, Chau- tauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Red-br. Merganser	"	20	8	Niagara River	Wagner, et al.
	"	25	2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Cooper's Hawk	"	24	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Red-should. Hawk	"	3	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Rough-leg. Hawk	"	20	1,1	Chautauqua L., Leon	Mitchell, et al.
	"	20	1	East of Forest- ville	Pitzricks
	"	23	1	4-Mile Creek State Park	Klabundes
	"	23	1	Tonawanda Ind- ian Reservation	Axtells

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Rough-leg. Hawk	October	30	1,1	Belfast, Caneadea	Burtens
Osprey	"	3,6,7	1,1,1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	10,11	1,1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	9	1	Transit	Burtens
	"	1,14	1	Amity Lake	Pitzrick, Graves
	"	21-25	1	Belmont	Burtens
Common Gallinule	"	11	2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
American Coot	"	11,25	66,80	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	4,25	115,1000	Mayville, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Semipalm. Plover	"	20L	1	Chautauqua Lake	Mitchell, et al.
Amer. Golden Plover	"	5	1	Hamburg Airport	Bourne
	"	8	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Black-bell. Plover	"	27	9	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Amer. Woodcock	"	31L	1	Amity Lake	Pitzricks
Common Snipe	"	8	23	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Greater Yellowlegs	"	11,25	14,7	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	31	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Lesser Yellowlegs	"	25L	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Red Knot	"	6	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
	"	12L	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
Pectorial Sandpiper	"	11	5	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Least Sandpiper	"	11	3	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Dunlin	"	25	77	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Semipalm. Sandpiper	"	25L	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Sanderling	"	7	1	Bay View	Bourne
Herring Gull	"	27	5000	Niagara Falls-Lewiston	Klabundes
Ring-billed Gull	"	27	20,000	Niagara Falls-Lewiston	Klabundes
Franklin's Gull	"	6,20	5	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	20	2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Bonaparte's Gull	"	21	15,000	Niagara River	Axtells
	"	27	5000	Niagara Falls-Lewiston	Klabundes
Little Gull	"	6,12	20	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Short-eared Owl	"	29	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	3	1	Belmont	Burtens
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	23	2	4-Mile Creek State Park	Klabundes
*Black-backed 3-Toed Wdpkr.		18F	1	North Buffalo-Linden Ave.	Wilcove
*Northern 3-toed Wdpkr.		27F	1	Youngstown (Oakland Rural Cemetery)	McKales
E. Phoebe	"	8	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
E. Wood Pewee	"	6L	2	Buckhorn Island State Park	Wagner, et al.
Tree Swallow	"	6	12	Grand Island	Wagner, et al.

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Purple Martin	October	6L	25 Grand Island	Wagner, et al.
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-31	2-3 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	20	1 Burgeson Sanct.	Mitchell, et al.
Red.br. Nuthatch	"	1-31	1-2 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	6	1 Buckhorn Island	
	"		State Park	Wagner, et al.
	"	7,8	1 Snyder	DeKleine
	"	10	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	10	2 Jamestown	Sundell
	"	12	1 Town of Amity	V. Pitzrick
	"	23	3 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	28	2 Alfred	Klingensmith
House Wren	"	14L	1 Colden	Schaffner, Clark
Carolina Wren	"	1-31	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
	"	1-31	2-4 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	5	1 Stannards	V. Pitzrick, et al.
	"	20	1 Chautauqua Lake	Mitchell, et al.
	"	26	2 Barcelona	Sundell
	"	27	1 Queenston, Ont.	Klabundes
	"	30,31	1 Rose Hill Rd. Ont.	Axtells
Mockingbird	"	6	1 Belmont	Burtens
	"	28	1 Town of Ward	Burtens
	"	31	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Brown Thrasher	"	18L	1 Belmont	Burtens
Swainson's Thrush	"	7	2 Snyder	DeKleine
Gray-cheeked Thrush	"	7	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Eastern Bluebird	"	7-21	2-21 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
		(max. 10/8)		
Water Pipit	"	6	4 Buckhorn Island	
	"		State Park	Wagner, et al.
	"	13,18	8,6 Elma	Danner
	"	28	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	28,31	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick, Graves
Solitary Vireo	"	25L	2 Spring Brook	Danner
Red-eyed Vireo	"	1-12	2-4 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	15L	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
Philadelphia Vireo	"	1L	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Bl.-&-wh. Warbler	"	16L	2 Hamburg	Bourne
Tennessee Warbler	"	16L	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Orange-cr. Warbler	"	16L	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Nashville Warbler	"	15L	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
Parula Warbler	"	6L	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Magnolia Warbler	"	6	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	6	1,1 Youngstown, 4-Mile	
			Creek Park	Klabundes
Bl.-thr. Blue Warbler	"	17L	1 Spring Brook	Danner

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Bl.-thr. Green Warbler	October	16	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	18	1 Prendergast Pt.	
"	"		Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
"	1-24L		2-4 Spring Brook	Danner
Chestnut-s. Warbler	"	4	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Bay-br. Warbler	"	6	1 Buckhorn Island	
			State Park	Wagner, et al.
Blackpoll Warbler	"	1-20L	2-9 Spring Brook	Danner
Pine Warbler	"	<u>4L</u>	1 Pt. Chautauqua,	
			Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
Common-Yellowthroat	"	20L	1 Clinton Twp., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Amer. Redstart	"	21L	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Scarlet Tanager	"	5	1 Yorks Corners	V. Pitzrick, et al.
"	"	10L	1 Jamestown	Sundell
Evening Grosbeak	"	27F	10 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	28	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
"	"	31	3 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
*Sharp-tailed Sparrow	"	10F	1 SUNY Campus,	
			Fredonia	Stanley, Benton
Chipping Sparrow	"	1-22L	2-5 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	"	1F	1 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	1	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	30L	1 Belmont	Burtens
Fox Sparrow	"	20	2 Burgeson Refuge,	
			Frewsburg	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	22	1 BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
Snow Bunting	"	20F	2 Port Dalhousie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	21	7 Town of Rushford	Burtens

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 252

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 5

Total to date . . . . . 257

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

REPORT OF OCTOBER BIRD COUNT

Compiled by Frances M. Rew

Date: October 13, 1974

Weather Conditions: In the northern sections of our area the morning was cool with some light cloud cover reported from several sections. All of the northern sections reported fair and mild conditions in the afternoon with temperatures in the 60s. The southern sections were heavily overcast in the early morning following a night of rain and fog. Temperatures were in the low 40s. It soon cleared, however, and sunny and warm conditions were reported from late morning on. Winds were variable and light.

Following is a list of species recorded on the count and the total number of each species. Underlined common names indicate that an acceptable written verification has been received and placed in the permanent files of the Society. Figures in parenthesis indicate area numbers where the species was observed when it was recorded in three or fewer areas.

Loons - Mergansers

Common Loon	9	Am. Wigeon	1777
Red-necked Grebe	1 (16)	Shoveler	8 (5) (10)
Horned Grebe	36	Wood Duck	438
Pied-billed Grebe	120	Redhead	38
Gr. Blue Heron	153	Ring-neck Duck	76
Green Heron	6	Canvasback	5 (22)
Bl.Cr. Night Heron	1 (11)	Greater Scaup	4237
Amer. Bittern	4	Lesser Scaup	8 (20) (22) (23)
Whistling Swan	27 (18)	Common Goldeneye	1 (11)
Canada Goose	6362	Bufflehead	4 (22)
Snow Goose	1 (5)	White-winged Scoter	50 (2) (14) (20)
Mallard	2708	Black Scoter	3 (3)
Black Duck	588	Ruddy Duck	45 (3) (9) (24)
Gadwall	20	Hooded Merganser	5 (20) (23)
Pintail	252	Common Merganser	35
Green-w. Teal	364	Red-br. Merganser	65 (6) (8) (11)
Blue-w. Teal	140		



Vultures - Rails

Turkey Vulture	16	Osprey	2(5) (10)
Sharp-sh. Hawk	10	<u>Merlin</u>	1(7)
Cooper's Hawk	13	Amer. Kestrel	98
Red-tailed Hawk	199	Ruffed Grouse	38
Red-should. Hawk	10	Ring-n. Pheasant	64
Rough-leg. Hawk	2 (9) (27)	Turkey	54
Marsh Hawk	26	Com. Gallinule	3 (3) (10) (20)
		Amer. Coot.	1344

Shorebirds

Semipalm. Plover	2 (5) (6)	Greater Yellowlegs	110
Killdeer	749	Lesser Yellowlegs	7 (2) (5) (23)
Amer. Golden Plover	115	Pectorial Sandpiper	21
Black-bell. Plover	14 (6) (8) (23)	Least Sandpiper	2 (13)
Am. Woodcock	15	Dunlin	87
Common Snipe	11	Short-b. Dowitcher	16 (13)
Spotted Sandpiper	13 (6)(19)(28)	Semipalm. Sandpiper	68 (15)
Solitary Sandpiper	1 (10)	Sanderling	22 (6)

Gulls - Flycatchers

Gr. Black-b. Gull	63	Common Flicker	199
Herring Gull	1331	Pileated Woodpecker	9
Ring-billed Gull	2823	Red-bell. Woodpecker	6
Bonaparte's Gull	2124	Red-h. Woodpecker	11
Little Gull	2 (3) (11)	Yellow-b. Sapsucker	4
Common Tern	196	Hairy Woodpecker	102
Rock Dove	1329	Downy Woodpecker	336
Mourning Dove	354	Eastern Phoebe	43
Gr. Horned Owl	16	<u>E. Wood Pewee</u>	1 (20)
Barred Owl	5(17)(25)(28)		
Belted Kingfisher	88		

Lark - Thrushes

Horned Lark ( <u>praticola</u> )	85	Carolina Wren	14
Tree Swallow	1 (21)	Long-b. Marsh Wren	1 (26)
Rough-winged Swallow	3 (2)	Mockingbird	6
Blue Jay	1631	Gray Catbird	59
Common Crow	2683	Brown Thrasher	15
Black-c. Chickadee	1231	Amer. Robin	4299
Tufted Titmouse	9	Wood Thrush	6
White-br. Nuthatch	302	Hermit Thrush	85
Red-br. Nuthatch	59	Swainson's Thrush	28
Brown Creeper	76	Gray-ch. Thrush	12
House Wren	15	Eastern Bluebird	68
Winter Wren	63		

Kinglets - House Sparrow

Golden-cr. Kinglet	797	Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	5 (11) (13)
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	534	Blackburnian Warbler	19 (13)(26)(27)
Water Pipit	475	Chestnut-s. Warbler	2 (27)
Cedar Waxwing	952	Bay-br. Warbler	5
Starling	22516	Blackpoll Warbler	11
Solitary Vireo	6(7)(12)(27)	<u>Pine Warbler</u>	1 (12
Red-eyed Vireo	8 (7) (26)	Palm Warbler	74
Bl.-&-w. Warbler	3(8)(13)(26)	Ovenbird	2 (27)
Tennessee Warbler	10	Common Yellowthroat	6 (17)(26)(28)
Orange-cr. Warbler	2 (6) (23)	Wilson's Warbler	5 (13)(26)(27)
Nashville Warbler	17	Amer. Redstart	7 (6) (8)
Magnolia Warbler	33	House Sparrow	3771
Cape May Warbler	1 (6)		
Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	10		
Yellow-r. Warbler	1085		

Blackbirds - Finches

E. Meadowlark	310	Vesper Sparrow	146
Red-w. Blackbird	26389	Dark-eyed Junco	3040
Rusty Blackbird	2396	<u>Tree Sparrow</u>	43 (5)(7)(15)
Common Grackle	4784	Chipping Sparrow	421
Brown-h. Cowbird	2062	Field Sparrow	165
Cardinal	214	Wh.-cr. Sparrow	1208
Rose-br. Grosbeak	3 (6) (26)	Wh.-thr. Sparrow	4153
Purple Finch	50	Fox Sparrow	6
Pine Siskin	10 (6) (19)	Lincoln's Sparrow	3 (6) (23)
Amer. Goldfinch	1569	Swamp Sparrow	185
Rufous-s. Towhee	83	Song Sparrow	1687
Savannah Sparrow	33		

Total Species 157

Total Individuals 119,831

Comments: This was a remarkably average October count as compared with the counts of the past 18 years. The 157 species recorded is lowest since 1965 when the same number was reported but previous to that year species totals were considerably lower so that 157 is about average. The following comparisons are with counts from 1956 to date.

Loons - Mergansers: High counts were reported for Gr. Blue Heron, Mallard, Green-winged Teal, American Wigeon and Wood Duck. Several other species were reported in above average numbers. There were no low counts in this group so it would appear that waterfowl in general are doing well in our area.

Vultures - Rails: Nothing remarkable in this group although it is interesting to note that there were almost as many Turkeys reported as Ring-necked Pheasants which were noticably low in numbers in our area all year.

Shorebirds - Gulls - Flycatchers: Again no startling reports. There were high counts of Spotted Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Short-billed Dowitcher, Barred Owl and Red-bellied Woodpecker. No Screech Owl was recorded. Perhaps some of us should plan on owl calling either late the night before the count or early on count day. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was the only species noticably down in numbers.

Larks - Thrushes: The only noteworthy species here is Carolina Wren which was reported from eleven sections. This latest incursion may well be the largest our area has known. It will be interesting to see how many will be reported on our April, 1975 count.

Kinglets - Finches: Again nothing truly remarkable. Pine Warbler was reported for only the second time in 18 years.

Territories of the Study Area of the B. O. S. and Observers.

Names of compilers are underlined.

1. Fonthill, Ont. Not covered.
2. Thorold, Ont. Niagara Falls Nature Club. Howard Martin, Nellie Remple.
3. Wilson, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Klabunde.
4. Middleport, N.Y. G. John Lehrer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grimble.
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16. Angola, N.Y. Richard Byron, J. Ford.
17. Cattaraugus, N.Y. Carolyn Frank, Audrey Horbett, Marie and Margaret Wendling, Ann Bauer.
18. Delavan, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark.
19. Fillmore, N.Y. Katherine Palmer, Marjorie Main, Larry Wilson, John Nelson, Ruth Gilman, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Howden, Anrew Mullen.
20. Silver Creek, N.Y. Frances M. Rew, Lois I. Buck.
21. Cherry Creek, N.Y. Jamestown Audubon Society. Robert Sundell, Avonelle Andree, Flora Elderkin, Calla Freeman, Jennie Freeman, Lewis Kibler, Ora Swanson.
22. Sherman, N.Y. Jamestown Audubon Society. Robert Sundell, Elizabeth Pillsbury, Russell Pillsbury.
23. Frewsburg, N.Y. Jamestown Audubon Society. Robert Sundell, Joyce Bohall, Richard Bohall, Geraldine Caswell, Allen Findlay, Margaret Findlay, Annabelle Hiller, Stephen Maggio, Helen Moe, Lorimer Moe, Elizabeth Pillsbury, Russell Pillsbury.
24. Allegany State Park Doug Happ, Bernie Feldman.
25. Allegany, N.Y. Stephen W. Eaton.
26. Cuba, N.Y. Allegany County Bird Club. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Burton, Mrs. John Compton, Mrs. Vincent Hilligas, Mr. Alfred Voorhies, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keople, Mrs. Alice Driscoll, Mrs. Kathryn Brown, Mrs. Benson Smith, Mrs. Frank Resch, Mrs. Neal Wilson, Oren L. Smith, Sr., Ted Inalls, Mrs. Helen Goldthwait, Joseph Chernic, Mrs. Bret Taylor, Mrs. Mae Truesdell.
27. Bolivar, N.Y. Allegany County Bird Club. Mrs. Lou Burton. Compiler. Observers: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keople, Mrs. Anna Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Carrier, Mrs. Hazel Nichols, Mrs. Frances Hunt, Mr. Joseph Carrier, Mrs. Robert Schwartz, Mrs. Laura Ingram, Mrs. Celestia Abbott, Mrs. Nina McMindes, Joseph McLaughlin, Lindsey A. Gross, Steven Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James Pettit, Mrs. Mildred Marshall, Mrs. Alton Case, Mrs. Robert Richmond, Mrs. Frank Apsey, Mrs. Frances A. DeGroff, Miss Anne T. Sortore.
28. Alfred, N.Y. Allegany County Bird Club. Vivian Pitzrick, Mrs. Erma Larson, Elizabeth Brooks, Vera Brown, Grace Buckley, Doris Burdick, Minnie E. Clark, Dale, Evelyn and Linda Coats, Mary Alice Fuller, L. Marie Graves, Robert, Claribel and Guy James, Raymond Pitzrick, Douglas and Ona Reynolds, June Babcock, Eugene and Gail Bernard, Helen Graves, Christin Ferrand, Estelle Cronauer, Ted McClure, Mary Rosa, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Burton, Jim Copenheaver, Pete and Terry Finlay, Eddy and

28. Alfred, N.Y. continued Alice Foster, Clarence Klingensmith, Dave and Carol Lewis, Beverly Perry, Tom and Harriet Spleth, Mrs. Adolf Ahrens, Dorothy Bayless, Esther Biehl, Ethel Dexter, Jay and Louise Gibson, Fay Heller, Mrs. Harry Ide, Mrs. Mervin Lewis, Linn Phelan, Paulene Sandford, Violet Sharrett, Ginny Smith, Ray Yelle.

Total number of Observers - 200

Without the cooperation of so many of our members and friends and fellow birders in the outlying areas this report would not have been possible. We are most appreciative of the fine work done by members of the Allegany County Bird Club, the Jamestown Audubon Society, and the Niagara Falls Nature Club in helping us with our various counts.

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TOWER KILL RECORD: October 1, 1974 A.R. Clark, R.D. Semlitsch & T.J. Klonowski

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Yellow-b. Sapsucker		2		2
2. Yellow-b. Flycatcher		1		1
3. Brown Creeper		3		3
4. House Wren		2		2
5. Winter Wren	1			1
6. Gray Catbird		4		4
7. Wood Thrush		1		1
8. Hermit Thrush		1		1
9. Golden-cr. Kinglet		7		7
10. Ruby-cr. Kinglet	1	21		22
11. Solitary Vireo	1	6		7
12. Red-eyed Vireo		15		15
13. Philadelphia Vireo		2	2	4
14. Bl.-&w. Warbler	1	11		12
15. Tennessee Warbler		7		7
16. Orange-cr. Warbler	1	1		2
17. Nashville Warbler	2	14	2	18
18. Parula Warbler		3		3
19. Magnolia Warbler	3	13		16
20. Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler		6	2	8
21. Yellow-r. Warbler	1	6		7
22. Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	2	14		16
23. Blackburn. Warbler		5	1	6
24. Chestnut-s. Warbler	1	3		4
25. Bay-br. Warbler	1	4		5

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<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>Total</u>
26. Ovenbird	3	24		27
27. Common Yellowthroat		17		17
28. Wilson's Warbler		5		5
29. Canada Warbler	1			1
30. Amer. Redstart	1	5		6
31. Field Sparrow	1			1
32. Wh.-thr. Sparrow		2		2
33. Lincoln's Sparrow	1			1
TOTALS"	22	205	7	234

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NOTES

THE NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION OF BIRD CLUBS ANNUAL MEETING

A halt in falconry was demanded by the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., at the annual meeting in Fredonia, October 19.

A resolution endorsed by delegates from nearly 40 clubs throughout the state urged passage of a measure by the New York State Legislature that would end the practice that was legalized only two years ago.

The resolution said that no predator birds should be taken except for scientific study directed toward perpetuation of the species.

Actually the issuance of permits for the practice of falconry has not yet begun because the commission appointed to draw up regulations has not yet made its report. So the effect of legislation repealing the enabling law would be to stop the practice before it has fully started.

An end to crow hunting in the Adirondack Park was also urged in a resolution. This was passed to protect Ravens which evidence indicates are returning to the Park area from which they have been absent for many years. The resolution warned that differentiation of the two species is so difficult that many of the Ravens might be killed accidentally.

Dr. Gordon M. Meade of Pittsford, a faculty member of the University of Rochester School of Medicine, was re-elected president. Also renamed to their positions were Richard A. Sloss of Hewlett, vice president; Mrs. Mary Ann Sunderlin of Webster, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alice Jones of Poughkeepsie, recording secretary; and Stephen B. Dempsey of West Hempstead, treasurer.

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Inflation pushed membership dues to eight dollars. Dues can be sent to the membership chairman: Mrs. Myrna Hemmerick, Box 203, Setauket, New York 11733. Membership includes a subscription to the Federation's quarterly journal, The Kingbird, and its newsletter.

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The Captive Breeding of the Peregrine Falcon and other Raptors  
at Cornell University - 1974

Newsletter No. 2 of the Peregrine Falcon Fund for the study and preservation of falcons and other birds of prey, published by the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University, in September, 1974, summarizes the breeding program at the Laboratory for 1974 as follows:

"1974 has been a very good season at Cornell. Our three mature pairs of Peregrines that did so well in 1973\* produced 21 young pairs this year, an average of 7 young per pair. Two other pairs of Peregrines new to our program, and previously producing infertile eggs, raised one young each, giving a total for this season of 23 new Peregrines. In addition, five pairs of Prairie Falcons produced 29 young, one pair of Lanners, 7 young; and one pair of Gyrfalcons, 2 young. We are particularly happy about our two handsome Gyrfalcons because as far as we know they are the first to be hatched and raised in captivity. All of the large species of falcons have now been produced from captive pairs, and a new era in man's relations with falcons has become possible - an era in which falconers, aviculturists, conservationists and nature lovers can join hands in a common effort to preserve and manage birds of prey for human enjoyment and enlightenment."

"With this year's increment of young falcons, we have reached the point at which all but a small fraction of future production will be slated for release at selected sites in the former breeding range of the Peregrine."

\* - see The Prothonotary, vol. 39:12, pp. 150-154. (1973)

Prothonotary readers may contribute to The Peregrine Fund and support this most worthwhile project by sending their contributions to:

THE PEREGRINE FUND  
Laboratory of Ornithology  
159 Sapsucker Woods Road  
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Birds Of New York State

Birds of New York State, an updated and detailed account of avian distribution and population in New York State, by John Bull of the Department of Ornithology of the American Museum of Natural History, has been published by the Natural History Press of Doubleday & Co. and is available for sale at 'The Cabinet',



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the book and gift shop in the basement of the Buffalo Museum of Science. The retail price of this most worth-while volume is \$29.95 plus sales tax but the Museum will allow members of the Buffalo Ornithological Society and the Buffalo Audubon Society a discount price of \$23.96 plus sales tax. Members are requested to show their cards of paid-up membership in these respective societies upon making purchase.

#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, September to June, inclusive, in the club room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

January 22nd: Panel discussion of identification of winter finches and other rare visitants. . William Vaughan, leader.

February 12th: Color slides with taped narration. (1) 'Sight, Sound and Song' dealing with bird behavior and (2) 'Bird Migration'. These programs were produced by the Moreland-Latchford Film Company of Toronto, Ontario with our own David Bigelow serving as consultant. Mr. Bigelow will introduce the program.

February 26th: 'Eggs and Eggheads in Alaska'. Dr. David Greene. During the summer of 1974, B.O.S. member David Greene participated in a scientific expedition to Alaska for research into the permeability of bird eggs. He will tell us of some of his ornithological observations while so occupied. Illustrated with slides.

#### PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

February 23rd: Lake Ontario Plain. Walter Klabunde, leader.  
Consult next issue as to time and place of meeting.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler: Mr. Robert M. Wagner, 4325 Circle Court, Williamsville, New York 14221.

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## THE MONTH

November was cloudy, wet and mild with precipitation for the month measuring 5.38 inches, 1.64 inches above normal. The average temperature for the month was  $40.2^{\circ}$ , a departure of  $0.4^{\circ}$  from the norm. A prolonged warm spell ended on the 13th with dropping temperatures and high westerly winds, with gusts up to 47 m.p.h., through the 14th ushering in a heavy snow storm. This storm came across Lake Erie, hitting the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario, northern Erie and Niagara Counties with snow measuring over two feet in depth in part of the stricken area. Oddly enough, the Southern Tier counties were spared this onslaught and Robert Andrie recalls observing three Parasitic Jaegers, in bright sunshine, at Hamburg Town Park beach on the 15th, among thousands of gulls and waterfowl moving out of the dark maelstrom only a few miles up the lake to the north. Snow depth for the month at the Greater Buffalo International Airport measured 22.1 inches, 13.7 inches of which was recorded on the night of the 14th and on the 15th. Following this disturbance, above normal temperatures returned again until the 22nd. (Meteorological data as recorded at the Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

For those birdwatchers residing near the Niagara River and Niagara Falls, November was a bonanza, with many opportunities to observe rare and unusual water birds. A beautiful adult male Harlequin Duck was seen in the upper rapids of the river at Niagara Falls, Ontario throughout the month by many observers. The upper rapids also were the scene of observations of a Double-crested Cormorant, Purple Sandpipers, Dunlin, Black-legged Kittiwake, Iceland, Little and Franklin's Gulls. At least one, possibly two, Eared Grebe was seen in the upper river between Fort Erie and Niagara Falls, Ontario. An immature male King Eider was seen on several occasions in the river at Fort Erie during the month. The only records of Red Phalarope for the migration were reported from the Niagara River during November.

The first record of Snowy Owl was reported from Kenmore by Walter Klabunde on the 9th. Early indications are of a major flight year. With the exception of Evening Grosbeak, winter finch records were few.

Other interesting records for the month include a late Solitary Vireo reported by Douglas Happ from the Tifft Nature Preserve on November 2nd and Robert Sundell's sighting of 578 Hooded Mergansers on Chautauqua Lake between Mayville and Prendergast Point on the 22nd. As indicated in these pages last year, (see Prothonotary, vol. 39:12, p. 145), the Hooded Merganser apparently migrates in large flocks across this body of water in November, the only place in our study area where such spectacular numbers can be seen.

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# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B. O. S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B. O. S.

Common Loon	November	8	15 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
	"	16	5 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	17	5 Niagara Gorge	Andrle, et al.
Red-necked Grebe	"	19	1 Hamburg Town Park	Bourne
Horned Grebe	"	17	22 Ft. Erie to Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
<u>Eared Grebe</u>	"	3	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Emerson, Braunberns, Klabundes, McKales
	"	23, 24	1, 1 Near Chippawa, Ont.	Axtells, et al.
	"	24	1 Near Chippawa, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
D.-cr. Cormorant	"	3	1 Celeron, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, et al.
	"	23	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Happ
	"	24	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Whistling Swan	"	3	7 Langford Pond	Wagner, et al.
	"	7	60 Over Jamestown	Sundell
	"	10	14 Langford	McKales
	"	22	540 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
	"	23-30	1 Cuba Lake	Keoples
Canada Goose	"	8, 25	951, 1018 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	9	300 Oak Orchard	Mitchell, Verrill
	"	11	250 Rainbow Lake, Catt. Co.	Frank
* Brant	"	16F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark

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* Brant	November	17	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Gadwall	"	8,25,26	15,64,95	Iroquois NWR	Morse, Olsen
Blue-w. Teal	"	8L	2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Northern Shoveler	"	21,25L	10,5	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Wood Duck	"	24L	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	24	1	Dufferin Islands, Ont.	Mitchell, et al.
Ring-necked Duck	"	8	150	Lakewood, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Harlequin Duck	"	3F,16	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	17,24	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	23,24	1,1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
King Eider	"	11F,23	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Happ
	"	17	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, Wagner, et al.
White-w. Scoter	"	3	2	Niagara River, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	10	4	Niagara River	Mitchell, Verrill
	"	17	4	Niagara River	Wagner, et al.
Surf Scoter	"	3	2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	10	2	Niagara River	Mitchell, Verrill
	"	12	3	Bay View	Bourne
	"	17	6	Niagara River	Wagner, et al.
Black Scoter	"	3,16	2,3	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	10	1	Niagara River	Mitchell, Verrill
	"	17	6	Barcelona	Sundell
	"	17	7	Ft. Erie - Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
	"	22	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick, Graves
	"	22	1	Lakewood, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
Ruddy Duck	"	6	2	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Hooded Merganser	"	22	578	Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Olson
			(400 estimated off Mayville;		
			130 counted off Prendergast Point)		
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	21	1	Iroquois NWR	Heck
	"	30	1	North Evans	Bourne
Cooper's Hawk	"	6,30	1,1	Belmont	Burtens
	"	17	1	Westfield	Sundell
Rough-leg. Hawk	"	2	1	Cassadaga	Rew, et al.
	"	8,11	2,1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	10	2	Grand Island	Mitchell, Verrill
	"	10	1	Fuhrmann Blvd., Buffalo	Andrle
	"	10	1	Willoughby, Ont.	Rew, et al.
	"	16	1	Town of Charlotte	Rew, Schwartz
	"	27	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	30	3	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell, Benham, T. Davis
American Coot	"	2	950	Chautauqua Lake (Mayville)	Rew, et al.
	"	6-30	150-10	Cuba Lake	Keoples

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Killdeer	November	25L	2 Bay View	Bourne
Amer. Golden Plover	"	3L	9 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Olsen
Black-bell. Plover	"	10	2 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al
	"	12L	1 Bay View	Bourne
Amer. Woodcock	"	16L	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
Common Snipe	"	16L	2 Belmont	Burtens
Greater Yellowlegs	"	3-14L	3 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	3,8	4,1 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Olsen, Heck
	"	3	1 Prendergast Pt., Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
	"	9	1 Niagara River	Happ, Byron
Purple Sandpiper	"	7F	1 Athol Springs	Bourne
	"	17	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al
Dunlin	"	8,12	54,14 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Olsen
	"	10	6 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	10	6 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Mitchell, Verrill
	"	12	1 Hamburg Town Park	Bourne
	"	16	16 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	17	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	24L	2 Point Abino, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
	"	24L	3 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtells, et al.
* Red Phalarope	"	10F	1 Niagara River	Wendling, Amey
	"	23	3 Niagara-on-the-lake, Ont.	Happ
Parasitic Jaeger	"	15L	3 Hamburg Town Park	Andrle
Glaucous Gull	"	29F	2 Queenston, Ont.	Axtells
Iceland Gull	"	3F	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	9	1 Beck Power Station, Ont.	Happ
	"	25	1 Wanakah	Bourne
	"	26	1 A. Beck Power Station, Ont.	Andrle, Clark
Gr. Black-b. Gull	"	5	38 Port Dalhousie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Franklin's Gull	"	3	1;2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Klabundes; Schaff- ner, Clark
	"	9,23,24	30/1 Niagara Gorge at Falls	Happ, Byron
	"	10	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	10	1 Adam Beck Power Sta- tion, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	16	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	24	2 Queenston, Ont.	Axtells, et al.
Bonaparte's Gull	"	23-29	12,000 Niagara River	Axtell
Little Gull	"	3	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	10,24	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	10,17,24	1 Queenston, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	11	1 Queenston, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark

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Little Gull	November	24	1 Niagara Rapids	Mitchell, et al.
	"	28	3 Niagara River	Axtells
* <u>Black-leg. Kittiwake</u>	"	17F	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
	"	24	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Common Tern	"	9, 11	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Happ, Byron
	"	16	6 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	17L	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Mourning Dove	"	30	106 Clarence Center	McKales
Snowy Owl	"	9F	1 Kenmore, Niagara River	Klabundes
	"	14	1 Dunkirk	Stanley
	"	14-29	1-2 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle, et al.
	"	16	1 Buffalo Harbor	Schaffner, Clark
	"	16-27	1 Iroquois NWR (Rte. 63)	Morse, et al.
	"	22	1 Buffalo Harbor	Rew
	"	23	1 Buffalo Harbor	Happ
	"	24	1 Squaw Island	Andrle, Mitchell, et al.
Short-eared Owl	"	22	1 Hickox Rd., Eden	Bourne
Red-headed Wdpkr.	"	28	1 Ft. Niagara State Park	Happ
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-30	2-3 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	2	3 Chautauqua Institution	Rew, et al.
	"	2, 23	1 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Andrle
	"	5, 6	1, 1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick, Graves
	"	8	2 Chautauqua	Sundell, Olson
	"	10	1 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	McKales
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	1-6	1-2 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	3	1 Hamburg	Andrle
	"	24	1 Allenburg Bog	Rew, et al.
	"	28	1 Acacia Park Cem. Pendleton	McKales
Winter Wren	"	23	2 Tiff Nature Preserve, Buffalo	Happ
	"	27	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	27	1 Canadaway Creek Sanct., Dunkirk	Rew, et al.
Carolina Wren	"	1-30	2-4 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	1	1 Stow	Sundell, Olson
	"	1	1 Chautauqua	Sundell, Olson
	"	2	1 Mayville	Rew, et al.
Mockingbird	"	1-30	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
	"	5	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	10	1 Queenston, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
	"	23	1 Iroquois NWR (Selle Works Rd.)	Morse
Gray Catbird	"	2L	1 Tiff Nature Pre- serve, Buffalo	Happ

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Brown Thrasher	November	9	1 Queenston, Ont.	Happ, Byron
	"	10	1 Queenston, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
	"	23	1 Town of Charlotte	Rew, Buck
Hermit Thrush	"	2	1 Tiff Nature Pre- serve, Buffalo	Happ
	"	10	1 Queenston, Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	"	24L	2 Dufferin Islands, Ont.	Mitchell, et al.
Water Pipit	"	24L	40 Town of Napoli	Rew, et al.
Cedar Waxwing	"	7	135 Sturgeon Point	Bourne
			(max. reported in November)	
Northern Shrike	"	2F	1 Mayville	Rew, et al.
	"	10	1 Woodside (Sec. 14)	Frank
	"	27	1 Town of Charlotte	Rew, et al.
	"	30	1 Ferrier Rd., Eden	Bourne
Solitary Vireo	"	2L	1 Tiff Nature Preserve	Happ, Byron
Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	18	12 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	28L	2 Hamburg	Foster
Rusty Blackbird	"	17L	4 Bertie Twp., Ont.	Wagner, et al.
Common Grackle	"	23	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	23	1 Belmont	Burtons
Brown-h. Cowbird	"	22-18	14 Snyder (f)	DeKleine
Evening Grosbeak	"	2-22	10-28 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	2-30	3049 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	7	35 Jamestown	Sundell
	"	16, 17	3, 10 Belmont	Burtons
	"	23-30	25 Cuba Lake	Keoples, Smith
Purple Finch	"	1-22	3-6 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	28	2 Belmont	Burtons
	"	28	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Common Redpoll	"	13F	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Pine Siskin	"	10F	3 Queenston	Wagner, et al.
White-w. Crossbill	"	29	1 Amity Lake (f)	V. Pitzrick
Rufous-s. Towhee	"	4	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	11L	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Wagner
Field Sparrow	"	8	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Wagner
	"	18L	1 Belmont	Burtons
White-cr. Sparrow	"	4	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	8	2 Belmont	Burtons
	"	16	1 Cuba (f)	Keoples
	"	27	2 Town of Cambria	Hendershot
	"	29L	1 Dewittville	Sundell, Olson
White-thr. Sparrow	"	1-30	14 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Amells
	"	30	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	30	2 Belmont	Burtons
	"	1-30	3 Cuba (f)	Keoples

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Snow Bunting	November	2	20 Hamburg Park	Happ, Andrie
"	"	8	1 Mayville	Sundell
"	"	17	1 Bertie Twp., Ont.	Wagner, et al.
"	"	19, 20	50, 75 Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Morse
"	"	28	1 Olcott Yacht Club	Happ

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 257

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 3

Total to date . . . . . 260

1974 NESTING RECORDS - 1V Farmersville Station, N.Y.

compiled by Donald F. Clark

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>DATE</u>		<u>REMARKS</u>
Hooded Merganser	April 14	2 E	Mixed with 6 addled Wood Duck eggs from previous year. Merganser eggs white 2 3/16x1 3/4" Wood Duck eggs -buff 1 15/16x1 1/2"
Wood Duck	June 5	-	Clutch had hatched 2 added eggs left plus 1 egg with 1/2 developed embryo and 1 egg with embryo ready to hatch
Northern Oriole	May 29	-	Nest complete - adults at nest
Tree Swallow	June 5	3 E	
	June 22	4 Y	
Tree Swallow	June 5	4 E	
	June 22	4 Y	
Tree Swallow	June 5	5 E	
	June 22	5 Y	
Tree Swallow	June 5	5 E	
	June 22	5 Y	
Tree Swallow	June 20	6 Y	
Tree Swallow	June 20	4 Y	
Tree Swallow	June 20	4 Y	



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<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>DATE</u>		<u>REMARKS</u>
Tree Swallow	June 20	4 Y	
Tree Swallow	June 20	4 Y	
Tree Swallow	June 20	2 Y	Plus 1 dead young
House Wren	June 5	3 E	
	June 22	3 Y	
Robin	May 14		Building Nest
	May 19	2 E	
	May 30		Nest destroyed
Robin	May 17		Building
	May 19	1 E	
	May 30		Nest destroyed

Only 11 of 25 Swallow - Bluebird boxes had nests this year - one of the poorest years ever. One box had House Wrens - 10 had Tree Swallows. No Bluebirds for the third year. Only 2 of 9 Wood Duck boxes were occupied. Again this was the lowest ever.

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ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

COOPERATIVE BREEDING BIRD SURVEY (FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE)

Compiled by Walter Klabunde

This is the eighth year that B. O. S. members have cooperated with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in carrying out a breeding bird survey following plans and rules described in Prothonotary, Vol. 33 No. 10, pages 123-7 (1967) and Vol. 34 No. 10, page 112 (1968). This year seventeen of the nineteen routes are covered in this report. Our thanks to the following members who cooperated in this endeavor.

<u>Observer</u>	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Number &amp; Name</u>
Harold Lancaster	Blayne Farnan	001	Dunn
Lou L. Burton	Doris Burton	002	Phillips Creek
Elizabeth W. Brooks	Clarence Klingensmith	003	Phillips
Alice E. Ulrich	Katherine Palmer	004	Phillips
Marian Crone	Lincoln E. Crone	005	Phillips
Robert F. Andrie	Patricia R. Andrie	006	Phillips
Marie Wendling	Margaret Wendling	007	Phillips
David M. Bigelow	Dee Bigelow	008	Phillips

Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey (Fish & Wildlife Service -cont.)

<u>Observer</u>	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Number &amp; Name</u>
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	057	East Java
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	058	Castile
Stephen W. Eaton	E. E. Eaton	059	Randolph
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	060	Centerville
Frances M. Rew	Lois Buck	061	Sheridan
Robert A. Sundell	- - -	062	Cherry Hill
Robert Wagner	- - -	063	Nashville
Alice McKale	Willard F. McKale	064	St. Johnsburg
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	065	East Youngstown
Stephen W. Eaton	Mark Waruch	111	South Vandalia

Table I summarizes the totals reported for each species and the frequency of detection by routes. The total of 112 species recorded becomes the lowest in the series after deducting the Common Loon and Blackpoll Warbler both of which are recognized as non-nesting species, leaving a net of 110. The splitting of the Traill's Flycatcher into Willow and Alder Flycatchers further confuses the total - two observers failed to make this split. With this change past totals varied from 112 to 118.

New to the list is the Pine Warbler while the Winter Wren was recorded for the second time. Conversely the Hooded Warbler is missing for the first time and Black Duck and Black-throated Blue Warbler were both missing for the second time.

Nine species were recorded in record high numbers. Of these 17 Turkey is more than were recorded in all the previous years together and thus is significant. On the other hand a new low for 19 species (!!) statistically indicates a significant deterioration in species populations. Since over half of the species showing low numbers are ground nestors and / or feeders it could be that the very wet spring was a major factor.

In addition to total numbers recorded for each species, Table I also shows the percentage of routes each species were observed in. A notation is also shown when the number was high (H), second high (+), low (L) or next to the lowest (-). No notation indicates the number is in the normal range. Finally (n.c.) indicates the species was not counted because it is not a nesting species.

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%Rte.</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%Rte.</u>
Common Loon	2 n.c.	6	Eastern Kingbird	76	82
Pied-b. Grebe	1	6	Gr.Crest. Flycatcher	28 L	59
Gr. Bl. Heron	21 H	53	Eastern Phoebe	35 L	65
Green Heron	15	47	Alder Flycatcher	6 L	29
Amer. Bittern	4 +	6	Willow Flycatcher	45 L	53
Mallard	23 -	36	Traill's Flycatcher	8 L	18
Blue-w. Teal	5	6	Least Flycatcher	48 -	71
Wood Duck	9	12	E. Wood Pewee	46 -	100

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Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey (Fish & Wildlife Service) cont.

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%Rte.</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%Rte.</u>
Turkey Vulture	2 +	12	Horned Lark	58 -	65
Red-t. Hawk	14	53	Tree Swallow	15 L	24
Red-sh. Hawk	8 +	24	Bank Swallow	20 L	29
Marsh Hawk	3	12	Rough-w. Swallow	24	41
Amer. Kestrel	20	53	Barn Swallow	404	100
Ring-n. Pheasant	153 L	53	Cliff Swallow	15 +	18
Turkey	17 H	18	Purple Martin	20 -	35
Com. Gallinule	1	6	Blue Jay	86	100
Killdeer	170	100	Common Crow	620	100
Common Snipe	7	24	Black-c. Chickadee	81 H	82
Upland Plover	6 -	18	White-br. Nuthatch	15	24
Spotted Sandp.	6 L	24	Red-br. Nuthatch	1	6
Herring Gull	1	6	Brown Creeper	2	12
Ring-b. Gull	24	12	House Wren	200 H	100
Rock Dove	319	88	Winter Wren	2 H	6
Mourning Dove	338 +	100	Long-b. Marsh Wren	1	6
Yellow-b. Cuckoo	3	18	Grey Catbird	149 L	100
Black-b. Cuckoo	15	53	Brown Thrasher	42	76
Barred Owl	2 +	6	Robin	1443	100
Chimney Swift	57	71	Wood Thrush	120 -	94
Ruby-t. Hummingbird	2 -	12	Hermit Thrush	1 -	6
Belted Kingfisher	10 L	29	Veery	45	65
Common Flicker	93	100	Eastern Bluebird	4 -	18
Pileated Wdpkr.	2	12	Golden-cr. Kinglet	3 H	6
Red-h. Wdpkr.	4	18	Cedar Waxwing	66 L	71
Yellow-b. Sapsuck.	1	6	Starling	2595	100
Hairy Woodpecker	3	18	Yellow-th. Vireo	2	6
Downy Woodpecker	14 -	71	Solitary Vireo	3 +	12
Red-eyed Vireo	212 H	82	Red-w. Blackbird	2964 -	100
Warbling Vireo	46 -	76	Northern Oriole	106 -	100
Black-&-w. Warbler	1	6	Common Grackle	1469 -	100
Golden-w. Warbler	1	6	Brown-h. Cowbird	239 -	94
Blue-w. Warbler	9	41	Scarlet Tanager	21	59
Nashville Warbler	2	6	Cardinal	89	88
Yellow Warbler	298	94	Rose-br. Grosbeak	32	82
Magnolia Warbler	7 +	18	Indigo Bunting	115 H	88
Bl.-th. Gr. Warbler	19	24	Purple Finch	21	41
Blackburn. Warbler	8	29	Amer. Goldfinch	338 L	100
Chestnut-s. Warbler	26	59	Rufous-s. Towhee	53 L	65
Blackpoll Warbler	2 n.c.	6	Savannah Sparrow	421 L	100
Pine Warbler	1 H	6	Grasshopper Sparrow	5 L	24

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Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey (Fish & Wildlife Service) cont.

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%Rte.</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%Rte.</u>
Ovenbird	23	41	Henslow's Sparrow	7	18
Mourning Warbler	8 -	29	Vesper Sparrow	23 L	35
Yellowthroat	169 -	100	Dark-eyed Junco	11	29
Canada Warbler	2 L	12	Chipping Sparrow	263	100
Amer. Redstart	9 L	35	Field Sparrow	165	94
House Sparrow	1277 H	100	Swamp Sparrow	14 -	35
Bobolink	286 L	100	Song Sparrow		
E. Meadowlark	491 L	100			

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NIAGARA LOOP TRIP - November 3rd, 1974

by Mary Louise Emerson

Eleven members participated in the Niagara Loop trip on November 3, 1974. The day was cloudy with no wind and mild temperature.

We saw rafts of Buffleheads off Old Fort Erie and "Jaeger Rocks", as well as all three species of Scoters, Old Squaws and Mergansers. A few Dunlin were feeding at the water's edge.

Some twenty-five Common Terns were resting amid Bonapartes and Ringedbill Gulls at the sanctuary north of the Peace Bridge. The usual Black Ducks and Mallards were in this area.

At the north end of the Sanctuary, toward the International Bridge, James Braunberns observed a grebe that looked interesting and different from the Horned Grebe. From the bank beside the river, with binoculars and telescopes, the whole party observed this bird. The grebe had a dark look, its slim neck was black to the water line, the bill was delicate looking and appeared to be upturned. Throughout the period of observation a Horned Grebe was close by offering an excellent opportunity to compare the two birds. The bird was identified as an Eared Grebe! It was with reluctance that we left, as all had had satisfactory views of these grebe. We were grateful for the quick observation that promoted further study of this rare bird.

The Niagara River was like a mill pond with hardly a duck or gull to be seen. One Greater Yellow-legs, Cedar Waxwings, a number of Red-tailed Hawks and a Sparrow Hawk were a few of the birds that interrupted the quite of the ride. Scaup and Canvasbacks were in great numbers on the river above the Falls, on the far side of the river.

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Niagara Loop trip November 3, 1974 cont.

As we drove along the lower river, Walter Klabunde and James Braunberns saw a Woodcock fly up from the ground with a number of Crows. We were disappointed not to see any White-winged Gulls, nor did we see the Mockingbird reported from this area. In all we had seen, or heard, some forty-nine species.

The Niagara Loop field trip - November 24th, 1974

by Harold H. Axtell

On November 24, a B.O.S. caravan of about fifteen cars started down the Canadian side of the Niagara River on one of the autumn's most rainy days.

A Carolina Wren sang from a small wooded gully near the St. Paul's Anglican Church as the cars neared their first stop at the Fort Erie Marsh. At the marsh we saw twelve species of ducks, including the day's only Oldsquaw, White-winged Scoter, and a late female Wood Duck. While some of the birders were comparing Greater and Lesser Scaup at fairly close range, a Snowy Owl was spotted resting on the Squaw Island Dump across the river, and all telescopes were quickly turned in that direction.

As we approached the upper rapids, the heavy rain dampened any interest in setting up telescopes to examine the many gulls and several thousand waterfowl, mostly Common Mergansers, Goldeneyes, and *Athya* species, between Navy Island and the water control dam. An immature Kittiwake had just been reported flying about below the dam, but after we arrived there, it could not be found and had apparently lit in one of the densely packed masses of gulls, where again the rain precluded use of the telescopes necessary to try to find it.

In the upper rapids it was easy to pick out the male Harlequin Duck among the usual large numbers of ducks and gulls. A conspicuously perched immature Double-crested Cormorant was a pleasant surprise, as were three late Dunlins on the rocky shore.

During the continuing relentless downpour at mid-day, the size of the B.O.S. caravan shrank rapidly, but good birds were still to be seen. One of our members had discovered the Eared Grebe close to shore about two miles back up the river at Chippawa. We soon found it and were gratified to see that it was not very shy. When a Horned Grebe swam up to it and attacked it, we were presented with a good comparison of the two species.

Farther down the river at the Sir Adam Beck Generating Station, we looked at an adult Thayer's Gull as it flew around among the hundreds of Herring Gulls below us.

At our last stop, in the lower Niagara Gorge near Queenston, we watched two immature Franklin's Gulls coursing back and forth among the abundant Bonaparte's and larger gulls.

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The Niagara Loop field trip-November 24th, 1974, cont.

Although the tain discouraged looking for a number of birds known to be present, we none-the-less saw about forty species on the trip, and of course also the spectacular concentrations of gulls and waterfowl characteristic of this time of year on the Niagara River between Navy Island and Queenston.

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#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June, inclusive, in the Society's club room in the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

February 12th: Program Change! Mr. Barry Ramford of the Toronto, Ontario Field Naturalists Club will be our guest. He will present two illustrated programs, 'Birds of the Tundra' and 'A Visit to Funk Island', recounting Mr. Ranford's adventures with wildlife in his travels in the Canadian north.

February 26th: 'Eggs and Eggheads in Alaska'. Dr. David Greene. During the summer of 1974, B.O.S. member David Greene participated in a scientific expedition to Alaska for research into the permeability of bird eggs. He will tell us of some of his ornithological observations while so occupied. Illustrated with slides.

March 12th: Color slides with taped narration. (1) 'Sight, Sound and Song' dealing with bird behavior and (2) 'Bird Migration'. These programs were produced by the Moreland-Latchford Film Company of Toronto, Ontario with our own David Bigelow serving as consultant. Mr. Bigelow will introduce the program.

Note: Program re-scheduled from February 12th, 1975.

#### PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

February 23rd: Lake Ontario Plain. Walter Kiebunde, leader. Meet at parking lot in front of Treadway Inn just off of the north exit of the Grand Island Bridge in Niagara Falls at 8:00 a.m. Telephone leader at 754-4424 for further details

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March 16th: South towns and Dunkirk Harbor.  
Leader, Richard Byron.  
Consult next issue for details.

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## THE MONTH

December continued mild with minimal snow cover and no major weather disturbances. Precipitation measured 3.13 inches, a departure of 0.13 inches from the norm, while the average temperature was  $31.7^{\circ}$ ,  $3.8^{\circ}$  above normal for this period. The heaviest snowfall recorded at the Buffalo International Airport was 7.1 inches on the 17th although greater depths were recorded in the snowbelt in the higher elevations south of Buffalo. (Meteorological data as recorded at the Greater Buffalo INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.)

The most remarkable bird observations for the month were again from the Niagara River, especially in the vicinity of Niagara Falls where some species of large larids were reported in record numbers. On the 20th, Harold Axtell counted an unprecedented 219 Greater Black-backed Gulls on the Niagara River, 210 of which were seen at Niagara Falls! A few days later, only a remanant of this record aggregation could be found. On the 28th, Dr. Axtell counted a record 29 Glaucous Gulls on the river, 28 of which were seen in the vicinity of Niagara Falls. Iceland Gulls, Black-legged Kittiwake and a Little Gull were also seen on the Niagara River during the month. The Harlequin Duck, seen by many observers during November, remained in the upper rapids at the Falls during most of the month of December. An Eared Grebe, probably the same bird reported in these pages last month, was seen on the river at Chippawa, Ontario on the 5th. Also of interest are the many records of Purple Sandpiper reported from the rocky islands in the upper rapids of the river and also from Erie Beach, Ontario. Both these birds and the Dunlin observed at Niagara Falls apparently are attempting to winter in this region.

The mild winter weather is best reflected in the number of 'half hardy' species reported throughout the period and especially evident in bird counts in the area during the last ten days of December. These include Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, Mockingbird, American Robin and a Yellow-throat reported by the McKales from Beaver Island State Park on Grand Island on the first. Tom Bourne reported a

Dickcissel from his feeder in Hamburg on the 12th. The few records of Snowy Owl received during December would seem to indicate that the invasion of this species is not as large as originally anticipated. There is still no evidence of a major winter finch flight.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	December 15-31	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell
	" 15	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	" 24,26	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, et al
	" 29	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
Horned Grebe	" 7,24	3 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	" 8	3 Hamburg Town Park	Andrle, et al.
	" 14	4 Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
	" 29	7 Niagara River	Wagner, Filor
<u>Eared Grebe</u>	" 5	1 Niagara River	
		(Chippawa, Ont.)	Axtells
D.-cr. Cormorant	" 1-31	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	
		& N.Y.	Axtells, et al.
	" 15	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark et al.
	" 24	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Gr. Blue Heron	" 2-18	2-1 Belmont	Burtens
	" 11	1 Cuba	Burtens
	" 8	1 Iroquois NWR	McKales
	" 14	1 Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
	" 22	1 Port Maitland, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	" 2	1 Canadaway Creek	
		Sanct.	Rew, Ulrich
Whistling Swan	" 30	70 Chautauqua Lake,	
		Mayville	Rew
Canada Goose	" 30	1 Chautauqua Lake,	
		Mayville	Rew
Brant	" 5,6, <u>11</u>	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Benton, et al.

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Pintail	December	5	1 Niagara Falls	Axtells
"	"	8	11 Goat Island	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	14	2 Niagara Rapids	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	24	1,8 Niagara Falls, Buckhorn Island	Andrle, et al.
"	"	29	10 Buckhorn Island State Park	Wagner, Filor
Redhead	"	26	220 Niagara River nr. Chippawa, Ont.	Axtell
Ring-necked Duck	"	1-31	2-4 Niagara Falls, Ont. & N.Y.	Axtell
"	"	29	1 Niagara Gorge	Wagner, Filor
Canvasback	"	22	1500 Morgan's Pt. Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	26	8000 Upper Niagara River	Axtell
"	"	1-31	3000 Upper Niagara River	Axtell
Greater Scaup	"	22	1500 Mohawk Pt., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Lesser Scaup	"	14	1 Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
Harlequin Duck	6, 20, 27, 28, 29		1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
"	"	14	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Mitchell, et al.
King Eider	"	5	1 Niagara River (Chippawa, Ont.)	Axtells
White-w. Scoter	"	8	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	14	2 Niagara Falls	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	24	1 Niagara Falls	Andrle, et al.
"	"	29	1 Niagara Gorge	Wagner, Filor
Surf Scoter	"	14	3 Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	26	2 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
Black Scoter	"	14	3 Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	24	1 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle, et al.
Hooded Merganser	"	1-31	2-4 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtells, et al.
"	"	8, 15	1 Near Miller's Creek, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	13	165 Chautauqua Lake, Mayville	Rew
"	"	14	3 Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	29	4 Niagara River	Wagner, Filor
Common Merganser	"	1-15	9000 Upper Niagara River	Axtell
"	"	20-21	12,000 Upper Niagara River	Axtell
Red-br. Merganser	"	29	600 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	1-31	1 Belmont	Bkrtons
"	"	29	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	1-31	1 Belmont	Burtens
Cooper's Hawk	"	1-31	1-2 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
"	"	1-31	1 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	26	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Red-tailed Hawk	"	7	31 Ft. Erie to Chippawa to Stevensville	Axtells

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Rough-leg. Hawk	December	7	5	Ft. Erie-Chippawa-Stevensville	Axtells
"	"	7	7	North of Sherkston, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	7	1	Rosburg	Pitzricks
"	"	29,30	4,2	Wheatfield	McKales
Marsh Hawk	"	1	7,1	Wilson, Cambria	McKales
Turkey	"	21	15	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	29	7	Alfred	Klingensmith
American Coot	"	1-31	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
"	"	22	1	Port Colborne, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Common Snipe	"	6	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell
Purple Sandpiper	"	7,26,27	3,2,2	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	7,15,27,28	6,8,2,8	Niagara Falls	Axtells, et al.
Dunlin	"	24	2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	27,29	2,1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
Glaucous Gull	"	7,24	2,13	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	8	6	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	14	2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	15	5	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	28	30	Niagara River	
"	"			(29 at Falls)	Axtell
"	"	29	25	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
Iceland Gull	"	7,24	1,2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	8	1	Dufferin Islands, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	7-31	1-5	Niagara River	Axtell
"	"	14	1	Niagara Gorge	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	15	3	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Gr. Black-b. Gull	"	7	70	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	8	80	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	15	57	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	20	217	Niagara River	
"	"			(210 at Falls)	Axtell
Bonaparte's Gull	"	22	50	Port Colborne, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	29	4	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
Little Gull	"	7,29	1	Lewiston	Axtell, et al.
Black-legged Kittiwake	"	7,11,15,27	1,2,1,1	Niagara Falls	Axtells, et al.
"	"	8	2	Niagara Falls	Schaffner, Clark
Mourning Dove	"	1-31	30	Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
"	"	1-31	7-164	Belmont (feeder & field)	Burtens
"	"	1-31	3-15	Spring Brook	Darner
"	"	8	110	Somerset	McKales
"	"	8	155	Wilson	McKales
Snowy Owl	"	1	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	18	1	Shadagee Rd., Eden	Bourne
"	"	22	1	Niagara Falls	
"	"			(Robt. Moses Pkwy.)	Wagner
"	"	27	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtells, Sundell, Benham

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Short-eared Owl	December . 14	4 Grand Island	Mitchell, et al.
Belted Kingfisher	" 1-31	2-4 Genesee River (Belmont-Scio)	Burtions
"	" 8	1 Goat Island	Schaffner, Clark
"	" 14	1 Dufferin Islands	Mitchell, et al.
"	" 22,27,30	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	" 29	2 Niagara River	Wagner, Filor
Northern Flicker	" 1-31	1 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	" 30	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Red-headed Woodpecker	" 23	1 Amity Lake	A. Hampton
Horned Lark <i>E.a. praticola</i>	" 10L	6 Elma	Danner
* <i>E.a. alpestris</i>	" 10L	8 Elma	Danner
Tufted Titmouse	" 1-31	2 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
Red-br. Nuthatch	" 1-31	1 Belmont	Burtions
"	" 19	1 Scio (f)	V. Fitzrick
"	" 29	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
Carolina Wren	" 1-31	2 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	" 1	2 Beaver Island State Park	McKales
Mockingbird	" 1-31	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
"	" 16-26	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
Amer. Robin	" 4	1 Belmont	Burtions
"	" 12	1 Amity Lake	R. Fitzrick
Cedar Waxwing	" 8	75,60 Amherst, Pendleton	McKales
Northern Shrike	" 5-31	1-3 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
"	" 8	1 Newstead	McKales
Yellowthroat	" 1	1 Beaver Island State Park	McKales
Red-w. Blackbird	" 10,18,19-31	2,6,1 Belmont	Burtions
Common Grackle	" 6-9	1 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	" 29-31	1 Eggertsville (f)	McKales
Brown-h. Cowbird	" 1	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
"	" 13	2 Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
"	" 18-31	2-3 Belmont	Burtions
"	" 22	18 Dunnville, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Cardinal	" 27	66 Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
Dickcissel	" 12	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Evening Grosbeak	" 7-18,19-31	2-24, 40-60 Belmont	Burtions
"	" 10-29	4-40 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	" 14	2 Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
"	" 16-31	1 Amity Lake (f)	V. Fitzrick
"	" 8	20 Scio	Reynolds
Purple Finch	" 7	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
"	" 19,21,28	1,12,5 Belmont	Burtions
Common Redpoll	" 17	7 Amity Lake	V. Fitzrick
Amer. Goldfinch	" 1-31	2-12 Belmont	Burtions
"	" 1-31	2-4 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	" 11,15	1,1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks

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Wh.-cr. Sparrow	December	1-29	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
"	"	19	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
"	"	16	1 East Eden Pond	Bourne
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	"	1-31	14-20 Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
"	"	1-31	1-2 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	1-31	6-8 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	"	24	1 Downtown Buffalo (Library)	Wagner
"	"	29	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
Song Sparrow	"	1-31	1 Amity Lake (f)	Pitzricks
"	"	1-31	1-3 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	"	12	1 Scio	Pitzricks
"	"	14	1 Niagara Loop Trip	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	16	1 East Eden Pond	Bourne
"	"	20, 23-31	2, 1 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	22	1 Rockhouse Pt. Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Snow Bunting	"	5	5 Bay View	Bourne
"	"	7	45 Town of Charlotte	Rew, Buck
"	"	10	3 Elma	Danner
"	"	27	75 Alfred	Klingensmith

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 266

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 1

Total for year . . . . . 267

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Report of the Forty Sixth B.O.S. Christmas Bird Count

Compiled by Alan Reckhow and Harold Freund

Date December 22, 1974

Area: Centering on Grand Island, including both branches of the Niagara River and adjacent territory, from the gorge below the Falls to Fort Erie and Buffalo.

Coverage: Forty-one observers in 16 parties plus one at feeders made observations from 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., covering 617 miles by car and 50 miles on foot in 30° 35° F degree, intermittantly clear weather. Wind velocities were below 5 mph.



Territories and Observers:

- A. Canada: Rainbow Bridge south to Welland River and Niagara River west to M.C.R.R., Portage Road, and area boundary. - Patricia and Robert Andrie, Richard Byron.
- B. Canada: Welland River south to Black Creek, and Niagara River west to Queen Elizabeth Way and area boundary. - Harriette and Walter Klabunde.
- C. Canada: Queen Elizabeth Way west to area boundary and south to Bowen Road. - Peter Carr, Marcy Foster, Karen Fracchia, Jane Skrzypek, Robert Wagner.
- D. Canada: Black Creek south to Peace Bridge, and Niagara River west to Queen Elizabeth Way. - Carolyn Frank, Frances Rew, Pauline Schwartz, Alice Ulrich.
- E. Canada: Bowen Road south to area boundary and east to Queen Elizabeth Way and Niagara River. - Harold and Rachel Axtell.
- F. Porter Road, Hyde Park Blvd., Pine Avenue, Main Street south to Niagara River, including Goat and Cayuga Islands, and east to Military Road. - Belle Minsley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reeves, Alan Simon, William Vaughan.
- G. Military Road southeast to N.Y. State Barge Canal, and Niagara River northeast to area boundary. - Margaret and Marie Wendling.
- H. Sheridan Drive north to N. Y. State Barge Canal, and Niagara River east to area boundary. - Alan Reckhow.
- J. Sheridan Drive east and south to area boundary, west to Niagara River - Cynthia Millard.
- K. Grand Island: West to Stony Point Road, north to Huth and Long Roads to Niagara River. - William Burch, Stanley King, Harold Mitchell, Robert Off, Joe Stein, David Wilcove.
- L. Grand Island: Huth and Long Roads south to Whitehaven Road, and Stony Point Road west to Niagara River. - Barbara Dodge.
- M. Grand Island: East of Stony Point Road and north of Whitehaven Road to Niagara River. - Lincoln and Marian Crone.
- N. Grand Island: Whitehaven Road south to Love Road, and Baseline Road west to Niagara River. - Kenneth Balmas.
- O. Grand Island: Whitehaven Road south to Love Road, and Baseline Road east to Niagara River. - Harold Freund.



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P. Grand Island: Love Road south to Spaulding Road, from the east branch to west branch of Niagara River.:- Arlene and Clarence Rote.

Q. Grand Island: South of Spaulding Road, all of Beaver Island State Park. - Alice and Willard McKale.

At Feeders: Gordon Brown , Territory J

Species Recorded: Figures indicate total number of birds seen; letters indicate territories where birds were seen, if recorded in three or fewer territories.

Common Loon	1	(E)	
Horned Grebe	17		
D. Crest. Cormorant	1	(A),	First since 1963
Gr. Blue Heron	4	(B,K,Q)	
Mallard	681		
Black Duck	475		
Gadwall	84		
Pintail	25	(F,K,Q)	
Green W. Teal	3	(F)	
American Widgeon	224		
Redhead	19	(D,Q)	
Ring-necked Duck	1	(F)	
Canvasback	9591	(F,Q)	Highest since 1959
Greater Scaup	7803		Highest since 1959
Lesser Scaup	12		
Common Goldeneye	2812		
Bufflehead	1466		
Oldsquaw	20	(E)	
Surf Scoter	2	(D)	
Hooded Merganser	3	(A,K)	
Common Merganser	4892		
Red Br. Merganser	96		
Cooper's Hawk	2	(E)	First since 1959
Red tailed Hawk	125		Highest ever.
Rough legged Hawk	10	(B,G,L)	
Sparrow Hawk	68		
Ring N. Pheasant	12		
American Coot	4	(K,M)	
Killdeer	1	(N)	
Purple Sandpiper	7	(F)	First since 1969
Glaucous Gull	22	(A,F,K)	
Iceland Gull	7	(A,F)	
Gr. Black-B. Gull	155		
Herring Gull	13707		
Thayer's Gull	2	(F)	First to be reported on Christmas Census.
Ring-B. Gull	2996		

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Bonaparte's Gull	378	
Rock Dove	421	
Mourning Dove	81	
Screech Owl	6	
Great Horned Owl	4	(C,H,Q)
Snowy Owl	3	(G)
Short Eared Owl	7	(L,M,P)
Belted Kingfisher	6	
Yellow-Sh. Flicker	27	
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	(C)
Hairy Woodpecker	16	
Downy Woodpecker	61	
Horned Lark	3	(G)
Blue Jay	182	
Common Crow	74	
Black-C. Chickadee	149	
White-Br. Nuthatch	17	
Red-Br. Nuthatch	2	(G,H)
Brown Creeper	10	
Winter Wren	1	(Q)
Carolina Wren	4	(C,K,Q)
Mockingbird	4	(B,E,N)
Brown Thrasher	1	(B)
Robin	5	(A,H,M)
Hermit Thrush	1	(K)
Golden-Cr. Kinglet	29	
Northern Shrike	7	(C,E,M)
Starling	19001	
House Sparrow	1406	
Common Grackle	5	(E)
Cardinal	172	
Amer. Goldfinch	14	
Rufous-S. Towhee	1	(G)
Slate Col. Junco	59	
Tree Sparrow	425	
Field Sparrow	1	(B)
White-Cr. Sparrow	1	(E)
White Thr. Sparrow	52	
Swamp Sparrow	2	(K)
Song Sparrow	20	
Snow Bunting	401	

Species first reported 1966

Total Species . . 77

Total Individuals . . . . . 68,411

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Species seen on the Count Area during the Count Period but not on the Count Day:

Harlequin Duck  
Dunlin  
Saw-whet Owl  
Black-legged Kittiwake  
Cedar Waxwing  
Evening Grosbeak

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The Prothonotary 1935 - 1975

Remarks of William C. Vaughan at the Meeting of the Buffalo Ornithological Society on February 12th, 1975 on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of publication of The Prothonotary.

Of those in attendance at the meeting tonight, only Alice E. Ulrich, Harold D. Mitchell and I will recall that at a regular meeting of this Society held forty years ago tonight in what was then the Roosevelt Room just a few feet from where we now meet in this building, Clark S. Beardslee arrived carrying copies of a four-page mimeographed publication for distribution to the members present. The first page bore a masthead showing a Common Tern, encircled by the words "Ornithological Section, BSNS". The following month, in March 1935, Volume 1, No. 1 of THE PROTHONOTARY appeared, bearing the bold statement "Published monthly by the Buffalo Ornithological Society, Buffalo, New York". Two weeks ago, forty years and 479 issues later, Joe Thill closed Volume 40 with issue No. 12. To the best of my knowledge we are the only birding organization that has published without interruption for forty years a monthly bulletin of our records and activities.

Seven of our members have held the editorship during the years. Harold D. Mitchell was our first editor, holding that position from the beginning through early 1939, followed by Edward C. Ulrich who set the record to date by seeing 133 issues off the press during more than eleven years ending February 1950. Ray McCann succeeded Ed and handled the next 97 issues through March 1958, when Kathryn Praemassing took over for 28 issues until July 1960. Richard Roche followed her for more than five years, completing his work as Editor in August 1965 when Whitney Mallam succeeded him for two and one-half years ending February 1968. Joe Thill has been our editor ever since Whit relinquished the position and has already seen 82 issues off the press in his nearly seven years at the helm.

I think it is most appropriate that we now pause to recognize this milestone in our Society's history and to pay tribute to those who have borne such a major responsibility for the B.O.S. during these many years since 1935. They all surely deserve our heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

My happiness on this birthday occasion is tempered only by my sorrow that all of these editors cannot be with us tonight to participate in this tribute and celebration. Nor should we forget the man who first dreamed of our publication and truly ranks as one of its parents, along with Harold Mitchell. Even though he never held the editorship Clark S. Beardslee was the moving force that started what was to become THE PROTHONOTARY. Were he here with us tonight I know he would express, with far more eloquence and deep feeling than any of us now present could possibly do, his admiration for and appreciation of those who have made THE PROTHONOTARY a part of this Society for these past forty years.

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#### NOTES

##### A Nesting Record of the Loggerhead Shrike in the Niagara Peninsula

On Saturday, July 6th, 1974 I observed two adult Loggerhead Shrikes (Lanius ludovicianus) actively hunting prey in Niagara Township on Concession Road #5, just west of Creek Road, near Virgil, Ontario. I noticed the birds carrying their prey to a wooded area near the road and I assumed that they had a nest there. I entered the woods, and while unable to locate the nest itself, I found two fully fledged young birds. It is my first observation of this species in the Niagara Peninsula in eight years.

Gustave J. Yaki, 6372 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls, Ontario L2H 1L6

##### Group Photograph of B.O.S. Forty-fifth Anniversary Banquet Now Available

Marie Wendling advises that a group photograph of participants at the B.O.S. Forty-fifth Anniversary Banquet at the Buffalo Museum of Science in November, 1974 is now available at the price of one dollar (\$1.00) per copy. If you are interested in obtaining a copy as a memento of the evening, please telephone Ms. Wendling at 632-6625.

##### The History of the Christmas Bird Count in North America

Mr. Robert Arbib, Editor of American Birds is collecting material for a projected book on the history and future of the Christmas Bird Count. He requests "any items of special interest or curiosity, any anecdote, either amusing or horrible, any strange coincidences, any memories of 'old timers' of the distant past, any lucky 'finds' or vica-versa, any word of people with extremely long count participation (in years) or in total number of counts participated in or in count longevity itself...but all of it must be true! Vintage pictures would be most welcome!" If you have any material to provide in any of the above categories, contact Harold Mitchell by letter at 238 W. Royal Parkway, Williamsville, 14221 or by telephone at 633-8612.

PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June, inclusive, in the Society's Club Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

- March 12th: Color slides with taped narration. (1) 'Sight, Sound and Song' dealing with bird behavior and: (2) 'Bird Migration'. These programs were produced by the Moreland-Latchford Film Company of Toronto, Ontario with our own David Bigelow serving as consultant. Mr. Bigelow will introduce the program.
- March 26th: Hawk Identification. Dr. Harold H. Axtell. An expert in the field identification of the nearctic falconiform bird fauna, Dr. Axtell will employ study skins and slides of overhead flight patterns of hawks to point out salient characters of the more common species we can expect to see during the spring passage of these birds in late March and April.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- March 16th: Dunkirk Harbor and South Towns, Richard Byron, leader. Meet in front of Roycroft Inn in East Aurora at 8:00 a.m. Telephone leader at 652-3056 for further details.
- March 22nd: Allegany County Field Trip. We will be the guests of Mr. Lou Burton of the Allegany Bird Club. Local birders will rendezvous in front of the William Hengerer Department store at the Seneca Mall at 8:30 a.m. We will meet the Allegany County Birders at County Line Road between Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties on N.Y. Route #3 between Centerville and Freedom at 10:00 a.m. For the convenience of those birders in Southern Erie County Harold Mitchell will meet you in the parking lot across from the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora at 8:30 a.m. and join the other group at 9:00 a.m.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler: Mr. Robert M. Wagner, 4325 Circle Court, Williamsville, New York 14221.

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## THE MONTH

The mild winter weather continued throughout January with the average temperature for the month,  $30.1^{\circ}$ ,  $6^{\circ}$  above normal. A period of very mild weather persisted from the 2nd through the 12th, with a high temperature of  $59^{\circ}$  recorded on the 11th. Precipitation measured 2.11 inches, 0.79 inches below the norm. Snowfall measured 11.0 inches, very light for this time of year. (Meteorological data as recorded at the Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

Gull watchers on the Niagara River continued to enjoy one of the most productive winters in recent years. With the continuing mild weather, the upper river remained ice free and no ice bridge filled the gorge in the lower river. Large concentrations of gulls between Niagara Falls and Queenston included unusual numbers of white-winged birds. On the 10th, Harold Axtell observed a record 43 Glaucous Gulls on the Niagara River, 41 of which were seen at the Falls. 22 birds of this species were seen on the 4th and 38 on the 10th at Niagara Falls. These records and the large number of Iceland Gull observations at this locality are unprecedented in our study area.

A Double-crested Cormorant and the male Harlequin Duck were again seen in January at the Falls.

A female Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker was seen by several observers in the vicinity of 29 Tillinghast Pl. in Buffalo during the last week in January. The bird frequented several dead elm trees where it was observed scaling bark in search of insect larva. David Wilcove, who discovered the bird, also reported the female Black-backed Three-Toed Woodpecker seen in North Buffalo in November. (see Prothonotary, Vol. 40:11, pg. 121, 1974) and speculates that it may be the same bird.

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A Saw-whet Owl roosting in the cedars at Oakland Rural Cemetery in the Town of Porter throughout the month, delighted many observers. A male Harris Sparrow was seen during the month coming to the feeder of Mr. Harold Lancaster at 7 Endicott Terrace in Welland, Ontario and gave every indication of intending to spend the winter in that locality.

The many reports of 'half-hardy' species is another indicator of the mild weather we enjoyed in January. Of particular interest is the large number of wintering Mockingbirds reported. Other records of interest include the Black-crowned Night Heron seen at the Canadaway Creek west of Dunkirk and the late Red Phalarope observed at the mouth of the Niagara River at Lake Ontario on the 12th.

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#### NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	January	1	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell, Rew, et al.
	"	4	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	5	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	McKales
Horned Grebe	"	1	8 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
	"	5	5 Niagara River	Axtell, Benham, et al.
	"	5	1 Niagara River (Willoughby Twp.)	McKales
	"	19	6 Dunkirk Harbor	Schaffner, Clark
Pied-billed Grebe	"	1	2 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
	"	5	2 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew, et al.
	"	9, 11, 14	1 Belmont	Burtens
D.-cr. Cormorant	"	1-12	1 Niagara Falls	Axtell, et al.
	"	1	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Rew, et al.
Great Blue Heron	"	5	1 Near Frewsburg	Elderkins
	"	15	1 Iroquois NWR	Thompson
	"	22	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
	"	28	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse

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Bl.-cr. Night Heron	January	5	1 Canadaway Creek Sanct.	Rew, Frank
Whistling Swan	"	8	45 Chautauqua Lake	Elderkins
Canada Goose	"	1,15	260,160 Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Thompson
	"	20,22	100,400 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Heck
	"	28,31	500,200 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Snow Goose	"	1	1 Iroquois NWR	Thompson
Pintail	"	1-31	1-7 Upper Rapids(Niagara Falls)	Axtell
	"	7	3 Goat Island	Klabundes
Green-w. Teal	"	1	1 Ft. Erie Marsh, Ont.	Axtell, Benham et al.
	"	12,26	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery	McKales
American Wigeon	"	7	25;50 Goat Island, Niagara Falls, Ont.	Klabundes
Wood Duck	"	28,31	1 Dufferin Islands, Ont.	Axtell
	"	30	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo	Happ
Ring-necked Duck	"	1	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Rew, et al.
	"	4	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	12	1 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle, et al.
	"	19	2 Port Weller, Ont.	Wagner
	"	31	1 Ft. Erie Marsh, Ont.	Axtell
	"	1-31	1-2 Niagara Falls Gorge	Axtell, et al.
Lesser Scaup	"	1-31	6-9 Erie Marsh	Axtell, et al.
	"	1-31	1 Niagara Gorge	Axtell
Harlequin Duck	"	1,2,12,17	1 Upper Rapids(Niagara Falls)	Axtell, et al.
	"	1	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Rew, et al.
King Eider	"	1-11	1 Niagara Gorge	Axtell, et al.
	"	4	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Surf Scoter	"	26	1 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle, et al.
Black Scoter	"	5	1 Ft. Erie Marsh, Ont.	Axtell, Sundell, et al.
	"	5	1 Ft. Erie Marsh, Ont.	McKales
	"	7	2 Niagara Gorge	Klabundes
	"	12	2 Niagara Gorge	Axtell, Happ, et al.
	"	26	1 Ft. Niagara	Wagner
Hooded Merganser	"	1-31	2-3 Niagara Falls	Axtell, et al.
	"	1	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Rew, et al.
	"	19	1,2 Hanover Bay, Silver Creek	Schaffner, Clark
	"	24,31	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew, et al.
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	1-31	1-2 Belmont	Burtens
	"	17	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	19	1 Orchard Park	McKales

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Cooper's Hawk	January	5	1 Fredonia	Rew, et al.
"	"	1-31	1-2 Belmont	Burtons
"	"	10	1 Jamestown	Beal
"	"	16-31	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Red-should. Hawk	"	19	1 Town of Newstead	McKales
Rough-leg. Hawk	"	15	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
"	"	19,25	1,1 Royalton Center, Bond's Lake	Klabundes
"	"	21	1 Smith Rd., Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	25	1 Frewsburg	Sundell
"	"	26	1 Town of Somerset	Wagner
"	"	31	1 Amity Lake	V. Fitzrick
Turkey	"	24	9,24 Allegany State Park area (two flocks)	Elderkins
"	"	31	2 Alfred	Klingensmith
American Coot	"	1-26	1-2 Niagara Falls	Axtell, et al.
"	"	1	10 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
"	"	10	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Rew, Schwartz
"	"	19	10-12 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew, Schaffner, et al.
"	"	19	1 Port Weller, Ont.	Wagner
Purple Sandpiper	"	4	4 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Dunlin	"	1	3 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Rew, et al.
"	"	4	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	5,6,17	2,2,3 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell
Red Phalarope	"	12	1 Ft. Niagara State Park	Thill, Reckhow
Glaucous Gull	"	4	22 Niagara Falls	Andrle, et al.
"	"	7	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Klabundes
"	"	10	43 Niagara River (41 in Falls area) (Record number)	Axtell
"	"	10	38 Niagara Falls	Rew, Schwartz
Iceland Gull	"	4	4,3 Niagara Falls, Queenston, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	5,27,31	6,10,11 Niagara River	Axtell
"	"	7	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Klabundes
"	"	10	3 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Rew, Schwartz
Gr. Black-b. Gull	"	2	234 Niagara River (all but seven near Falls)	Axtell
Ring-billed Gull	"	19	7000 Dunkirk Harbor	Schaffner, Clark
Bonaparte's Gull	"	1-31	12,000 Lower Niagara River	Axtell
"	"	1	400 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
Little Gull	"	1-21	1-3 Lower Niagara River	Axtell, et al.
"	"	4	5 Queenston, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	5	1 Lewiston	McKales
Mourning Dove	"	1-31	120-50 Belmont	Burtons
"	"	4-31	up to 32 Lewiston	Klabundes
"	"	19	65 Town of Newstead	McKales
Barn Owl	"	1	1 Welland	Axtell, Lancaster, Benham

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Snowy Owl	January	7,17	3,1	Niagara Falls Airport	Klabundes
"	"	4,12,26	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	12	1	Town of Lockport	Thill, Reckhow
"	"	10	1	Bell Plant, Town of Wheatfield	Rew, Schwartz
"	"	15	1	Iroquois NWR (Cayuga Pool)	Thompson
"	"	15	1	Off LaSalle Park	Mitchell
"	"	27	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	"	28	2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Barred Owl	"	23	1	Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
Short-eared Owl	"	5	1	Pendleton	McKales
Saw-Whet Owl	"	5,26	1,2	Oakland Cem., Youngstown	McKales
"	"	24	1	Oakland Cem., Youngstown	Klabundes
Belted Kingfisher	"	1-31	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
"	"	1-28	1	Dufferin Islands, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	1	1	Niagara River at Black Creek, Ont.	Rew, et al.
"	"	3,10,28,31	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	"	5	1	Canadaway Creek Sanct.	Rew, Frank
"	"	7	1	Dufferin Islands, Ont.	Klabundes
"	"	9-25	1-2	Scio	V. Pitzrick
"	"	11	1	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	19	1,1	Towns of Sheridan, Chautauqua	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	21	1,2	Towns of Scio, Amity	Burtons
Common Flicker	"	1-31	1	Spring Brook (f)	Danner
"	"	1,7,24	1	Belmont	Burtons
"	"	5	1	Ft. Niagara	Klabundes
"	"	5	2	Queenston, Ont.	McKales
"	"	6	1	Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	10	1	Ft. Niagara	Rew, Schwartz
"	"	19	1	Orchard Park	McKales
Pileated Woodpecker	"	5	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	17	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	5	2	Ft. Niagara, 4-Mile Creek Park	Klabundes
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	"	26	1	Wilson Cemetery	Wagner
Black-b. 3-t. Wdpkr.	"	24,31	1	Tillinghast St., Buffalo	Wilcove, Goodman
"	"	26	1	Tillinghast St., Buffalo	McKales, Mrozek
"	"	28	1	Hamburg	Bourne
Horned Lark	"				
<u>E.a. alpestris</u>	"	1	35	Hall Rd., Town of Pomfret	Sundell
<u>E.a. praticola</u>	"	1	15	Hall Rd., Town of Pomfret	Sundell
"	"	1	8	Near Welland, Ont.	Axtell, Benham et al.

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Horned Lark	January	9	2 Scio	V. Pitzrick
<u>e.a. alpestris</u>	"	11	2 Grand Island	Klabundes
<u>E.a. praticola</u>	"	12	200 Town of Wilson	McKales
Tufted Titmouse	"	1	2 St. Catharines, Ont.	Axtell, Benham et al.
	"	1-31	2-3 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	2	2 Bentley Sanctuary (f)	Beal
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	1	1 St. Catharines, Ont.	Axtell, Benham et al.
	"	1-31	1 Belmont (f)	Burtons
	"	12	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo	McKales
	"	13, 31	4, 7 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	14	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	25	1 Bond's Lake	Klabundes
Winter Wren	"	5, 19, 24, 31	2, 1, 1, 1 Canadaway Creek Sanct.	Rew et al.
	"	19	1 Town of Chautauqua	Schaffner, Clark
	"	21, 22	1 Iroquois NWR (Sour Springs Rd)	Heck, Olsen
	"	27	2 Iroquois NWR (Mohawk Pool)	Morse
Carolina Wren	"	1-31	2-3 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
Mockingbird	"	1-31	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
	"	1, 5	1 Pendleton	McKales
	"	5	2 Fredonia	Rew, Frank, Schwartz
	"	5, 12, 26	1 Oakland Cemetery Youngstown	McKales
	"	10	1 Oakland Cemetery, Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	23-31	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	25	1 Bond's Lake	Klabundes
Robin	"	1	12 Queenston, Ont.	Axtell, Benham et al.
	"	1	10 Pendleton	McKales
	"	5	1 Canadaway Creek Sanct.	Rew, et al.
	"	12-28	1-2 Amity Lake	Pitzricks, et al.
	"	17	1 Jamestown (f)	Beal
	"	24	10 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	25	9 Bond's Lake	Klabundes
Cedar Waxwing	"	5	22 Canadaway Creek Sanct.	Rew, et al.
	"	13-31	60 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	14	5 Jamestown (f)	Beal
	"	19	6 Town of Portland	Schaffner, Clark
Northern Shrike	"	1-31	1-2 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
	"	5	1 Amity Lake (f)	Pitzricks
	"	19	1 Orchard Park	McKales
	"	24	2 Youngstown	Klabundes

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Yellow-rumped Warbler	January	19	2 Lake Erie State Park	Schaffner, Clark
E. Meadowlark	"	16	2 Jamestown	Beal
	"	19	1 Pekin	Klabundes
Red-w. Blackbird	"	1-8	1 Belmont	Burttons
	"	25	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Common Grackle	"	1	5 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell, Benham, et al.
	"	1,2	1 Eggertsville (f)	McKales
	"	26	1 Town of Clarence	Wagner
Brown-h. Cowbird	"	1-31	3-6 Belmont	Burttons
	"	1-31	1-7 Hamburg (f)	Skrzypek
Cardinal	"	1-31	68 Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-31	50-100 Belmont	Burttons
	"	2	3 Bentley Sanct. (f)	Beal
	"	6,11,22	10,60,20 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	7	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
	"	10	9 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	17	82 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	18	5 Jamestown (f)	Beal
Purple Finch	"	1,7	17-31 Belmont	Burttons
	"	21	2 Town of Amity	Burttons
	"	21-31	5 max. Lewiston	Klabundes
Amer. Goldfinch	"	1-31	10-15 Belmont	Burttons
	"	8-31	20 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	9	29 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	12,19,22	23 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	20-24	3-8 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	22	6 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	24	12 4-Mile Creek State Park	Klabundes
Chipping Sparrow	"	15,25	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Field Sparrow	"	1,7,24	2,2,5 Belmont	Burttons
	"	17	2 Scio	V. Pitzrick
Harris Sparrow	"	1	1 Welland, Ont. (f)	Axtell, et al.
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	"	26	1 Olcott (f)	Wagner
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	"	1-31	14-18 Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
	"	1-31	1-2 Belmont	Burttons
	"	1-31	6-10 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	2	3 Bentley Sanct. (f)	Beal
	"	5-31	5 max. Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	5-17	2-6 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	10,21	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	14	1 Jamestown (f)	Beal
	"	26	1 Grand Island	McKales
Song Sparrow	"	1-31	3-4 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	9,14,17,25	6,2,12,27 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	6	1 Amity Lake (f)	V. Pitzrick
	"	13-31	2 Belmont	Burttons

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Lapland Longspur	January	1	12 Hall Rd., Town of Pomfret	Sundell
Snow Bunting	"	1	60 Near Welland, Ont.	Axtell, Benham, et al.
	"	19	35 Town of Newstead	McKales
	"	21	250 Town of Cuba	Burtens

Species and subspecies recorded in January, 1975 . . . . . 103

(Other species reported: Mallard, Black Duck, Gadwall, Redhead, Greater Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Oldsquaw, Common Merganser, Red-br. Merganser, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Ruffed Grouse, Ring-n. Pheasant, Rock Dove, Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Hairy Wdpkr., Downy Wdpkr., Blue Jay, Common Crow, Black-c. Chickadee, White-br. Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Golden-cr. Kinglet, Starling, House Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Tree Sparrow)

Addendum 1974

Snow Goose                      December 27      1 Iroquois NWR                      Olsen

ERRATA

The editor appreciates any typographical errors or omissions being called to his attention by the observant reader.

Prothonotary, vol. 40:11 (Nov. 1974)  
page 121, 2nd paragraph: "...observed a male (Black-backed ... Woodpecker)"  
should read: "...observed a female (Black-backed...Woodpecker)"

Prothonotary vol. 41:1 (Jan. 1975)  
page 1, 2nd paragraph: "...unprecedented 219 Greater Black-backed Gulls.."  
should read: "...unprecedented 217 Greater Black-backed Gulls.."

page 8, 2nd last line, delete record of Thayer's Gull  
page 9, 2nd last line, change Total Species to 76 and subtract two from  
Total Individuals

SPRING HAWK MIGRATION PROJECT

In the recent publication "Proceedings of the North American Hawk Migration Conference 1974" pages 11-15, there is a summary of the Derby Hill hawk counts by John R. Haugh for the years 1963-1969. These data are very useful for those following the spring hawk flights in B.O.S. area. The flights observed at Derby Hill station, situated at the southeastern corner of Lake Ontario, represent the total of all hawks that have come north to Lake Ontario and then traveled eastward until they again proceed north at the eastern end of Lake Ontario. Presumably a major portion of these hawks come up and around Lake Erie, fly around Buffalo north to Lake Ontario and most proceeding eastward to Derby Hill. A minor portion (10-20%) go westward and around Lake Ontario at Hamilton.

TABLE II

## HAWK MIGRATION ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA - - DATA SHEET

Date _____	Location _____		Leader(s) _____											
Time (Standard)	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	Totals	
Max. Vis. (Miles)													XXXXXX	
Air Temp.													XXXXXXXX	
Wind Speed (mph)													XXXXXX	
Wind Direction													XXXXXX	
Cloud Cover													XXXXXX	
Precipitation													XXXXXX	
Turkey Vulture														
Black Vulture														
Cosshawk														
Sharp-sh. Hawk														
Cooper's Hawk														
Red-t. Hawk														
Red-sh. Hawk														
Broad-w. Hawk														
Bugh-l. Hawk														
Golden Eagle*														
Hald Eagle*														
Marsh Hawk														
Osprey														
Peregrine Falcon*														
Merlin														
American Kestrel														
Unident. accipiter														
Unident. buteo														
Unident. eagle														
Unident. type unkn.														
Other Hawk (Specify)														
Totals														
No. of observers														
Gen. Alt. of Flight**														
Gen. Flight Direction														

Time, sex, age of eagles, peregrines, other rarities: \_\_\_\_\_

\* General altitude: 1= limit of binoculars 2=limit of unaided eye 3=moderate height 4=eyelevel or below 5=no predominant height

On the form;

- Note that time is standard.
- Please be precise as you can about weather factors. If possible take a thermometer with you, if wind speed is estimated, indicate so. Record precipitation as light, moderate, or heavy, and specify whether it fell as rain, sleet or snow.
- Note that unidentified hawks should be differentiated - when possible- by type. Be Conservative both in counts and identifications, if you are not sure.
- Under comments also include changes in location and when each occurred. If first/or last hour of observation is partial indicate that --exactly.



DERBY HILL SPRING HAWK COUNTS 1963-1969

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The accompanying Table I gives both the relative numbers of each species and average distribution over the entire spring flight as it occurred at Derby Hill from February 25th through May 10th. The totals of each species may be somewhat different for the flights around the south shore of Lake Erie. However, the distribution of each species should still be the same. Thus it is at once apparent that to have a more complete picture of hawk migration we should be checking hawk flights at least by mid-March particularly for Goshawk, Red-tails, Rough-legs and Marsh Hawks which actually start coming through in the first week in March.

The Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA) is taking upon itself to correlate all data on hawk migrations (spring and fall) to obtain better numbers of each species and define the migration patterns of each species. To achieve this goal they will need complete data from every station (where hawks come through) using the daily data sheet shown in Table II. Your assistance in this endeavor is earnestly sought. It will be appreciated whether it involves a couple of hours or months of observation time. If you will send your data sheets to me before May 15th I will gladly forward them to the proper regional HMANA coordinator.

Last year our efforts on this problem were unsuccessful because the reports were too spotty and much of the data was incomplete. With all the information requested in the HMANA data sheet it will be possible to define the migration progress of each hawk. It only remains necessary to have many more reports from more "stations" to get a better idea of migration pattern and numbers.

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#### ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

The N.Y. State Federation of Bird Clubs January Waterfowl Count

Alan H. Reckhow

Dates included January 11 - January 19, 1975 with January 12 the target date.

Horned Grebe	-	8	average
Double-crested Cormorant	- (F)	1	2nd time seen
Canada Goose	-	35	low
Mallard	-	780	very low
Black Duck	-	349	very low
Gadwall	- (E,F)	118	highest
Pintail	-	12	average
Green-winged Teal	- (Q)	1	low
American Wigeon	-	171	high
Wood Duck	- (Q)	1	low
Redhead	-	140	average
Ring-necked Duck	- (H)	1	average seen 8 times out of 20

Canvasback	-	4713	average
Greater Scaup	-	2644	low average
Lesser Scaup	-	32	high
Goldeneye	-	4369	average
Bufflehead	-	228	low
Old Squaw	-	123	very low
Harlequin Duck	- (F)	1	3rd time seen
Black Scoter	- (F)	2	
Hooded Merganssr	-	6	average
Common Merganser	-	3158	low
Red-breasted Merganser	-	83	low average
Coot	-	8	average
Red Phalarope	- (C)	1	1st time ever seen

Comment:

Most of the inland swamps, lakes, ponds and streams as well as Lake Erie were free of ice. However, the wind was high, so many of the waterfowl on Lake Ontario and Lake Erie could not be seen because of the high waves. This is the lowest count we have had in the twenty-one years that the Waterfowl Count has been conducted.

The following people took part in the count:

A- Lake Ontario - Pt. Breeze to Olcott	-	Douglas Kibbe
B- Lake Ontario - Olcott to Ft. Niagara	-	Reckhow, Thill
C- Ft. Niagara to Gorge at Falls	-	Cohen
D- Niagara-on-the-Lake to Gorge at Falls	-	Frank, Horbett, Nat & Belle Minsley, Eva & Linnea Paulson
E- Buffalo North Harbor to Goat Island	-	Mitchell, Wilcove
F- Ft. Erie to Canadian Falls	-	Axtell, Happ, Feldman
G- Grand Island	-	Walter & Harriette Klabunde
H- Lake Erie - South Buffalo Harbor to Silver Creek	-	Andrle, Bourne, Leonard, Dr. and Mrs.
I- Silver Creek to Penn Line	-	Rew
J- Jamestown Area	-	Carlson
K- Olean - Salamanca Area	-	Eaton
L- Allegany Co. Area	-	Burton
M- Batavia Area	-	Seamans
N- Oak Orchard & Tona. GMA	-	Morse
O- Iroquois Nat. Wildlife Refuge	-	Morse
P- Williamsville Area	-	Wendling, Bauer
Q- Delaware Park, Forest Lawn, Zoo	-	Millard

I would like to thank all who took part in this twenty first annual Waterfowl census.

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NOTES

Dr. Peter Paul Kellogg, 1899 - 1975

Word has been received by Mr. Harold Mitchell of the death of Dr. Peter Paul Kellogg, emeritus professor, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University. Dr. Kellogg died on January 31st, 1975 at the age of seventy-five. His executrix, Ms. Nancy Metz, is planning to co-author a book about Dr. Kellogg this summer and requests any anecdotal material any older members of the B.O.S. who knew this man may care to contribute. Send contributions to Ms. Nancy D. Metz, 18 Western Avenue, Fairfield, Maine 04937.

The 1974 Christmas Bird Count

In the January 1975 issue of The Prothonotary, in publishing the results of the B.O. S. Christmas Bird Count, the names of the following observers were inadvertently left out of those who participated in covering territory E. The compiler extends his apologies to Mary Louise Emerson and James Braunberns.

BIRDS UNUSUAL SENSORY POWERS IDENTIFIED

Cornell University researchers have found a partial answer to a question that has baffled scientists for years. What subtle sensory cues enable a bird to navigate its way to an unseen site and then home in with spectacular accuracy?

Researchers at the N.Y. State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell, have found for the first time that birds can sense small changes in air pressure, equivalent to a drop in altitude of less than 20 feet, and "see" polarized light. (Polarized light is characterized by having all its energy waves vibrating in one direction.)

William T. Keeton, professor of neurobiology and behavior, and Melvin L. Kreithen, a post-doctoral associate, also stressed that their work adds evidence to the idea that birds live in a sensory world unknown to man.

Although Kreithen and Keeton have not yet determined to what extent birds use their newly discovered sensory powers, they speculate that the ability to sense polarized light and barometric pressure changes would be of major value to birds, both when flying and on the ground.

They explained that migration takes place on relatively few nights each season. In general, a falling barometer reading, indicating dropping pressure, implies favorable winds for fall migration, and a rising barometer is a sign of winds suitable for northward migration in the spring.

If birds can detect changes in barometric pressure while still on the ground, they can judge the best time for committing themselves to marathon migration flights.

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"Barometric information could also be of value to birds for predicting a night's weather, such as the passage of a cold front," Keeton and Kreithen said.

The Cornell ethologists also suggested that birds with a sufficiently sensitive pressure detector might locate thermal updrafts and air turbulence.

"There are patterns of air turbulence, and other departures from smooth flow, which could influence the direction and energy cost of bird flight," Kreithen and Keeton said. "The metabolic cost of long distance flight is high. By detecting barometric pressure, and using winds to their advantage, birds may be able to extend the distance flown on a given amount of fat reserve."

The Cornell researchers also said that the ability to sense polarized light would be a prime navigation aid to birds, since the plane of polarized light in blue sky is related to the position of the sun. The detection of sky polarization could be used as a navigation cue when the sun, which provides compass cues, is obscured by clouds.

Kreithen and Keeton noted that preliminary work suggests that the fovea, a cup-shaped pit in the back of the eye, is responsible for the perception of polarized light.

They also suspect that the receptor for pressure might be within the ear, since background noise affects the bird's ability to detect pressure. Additional experiments will pursue these two theories.

Keeton and Kreithen said that probably few facets of nature have baffled more people, layman and scientists alike, than the migrations and homing of birds. It has been known since the 1950's that birds can use a sun compass to guide their flights, and four years ago Keeton and his colleagues discovered that birds may utilize the earth's magnetic field as a navigation cue.

But these and other findings have yielded only a rudimentary explanation of why a bird's ability to navigate excels that of any device conceived by man.

The Cornell research, which was supported in part by the National Science Foundation, will be published shortly in the Journal of Comparative Physiology.

Reprinted from Conservation News (vol. 39:9), 1974, newsletter of The National Wildlife Foundation.

#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June, inclusive, in the Society's club room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

April 9th: "Birding Is For All Seasons". Rev. David Ostrander of Pittsfield, Pennsylvania. A slide program of the birds and other wildlife of western Pennsylvania.

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April 23rd: "What Killed Cock Robin?" Dr. Gordon Meade, president of the New York State Federation of Bird Clubs, will present a program telling us of the research into the diseases of wild birds.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

March 29th: Field trip to New York State Game Management Area and the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge in Niagara, Genesee and Orleans Counties for migrating waterfowl and other birds. Meet in front of the Adam, Meldrum & Anderson Department Store in the University Plaza at Kenmore Avenue and Main Street in Buffalo at 8:00 a.m. Telephone leader, Marie Wendling, at 632-6625 for further details.

April 6th: April Bird Count. Eileen and Bob Hull, leaders. Call the leaders at 833-8581 for assignment of territory.

April 19th: South shore of Lake Erie. Leader, Frances Rew. Please meet in front of the William Hengerer Department Store in the Seneca Mall at 8:00 a.m. Telephone leader at 822-0342 for further details.

April 27th: Beaver Meadow Environmental Education Center, North Java, N.Y. David Bigelow, leader. Dave requests that we meet at the parking lot on Welch Road at 10:00 a.m. We will then go to the Fred T. Hall Building for coffee and a brief orientation lecture before beginning our tour of the refuge. Bring picnic lunch.

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## THE MONTH

February was more appropriately wintry than the preceding two months although a prolonged warm spell in the middle of the period raised the average temperature to  $29.1^{\circ}$  for the month,  $4.7^{\circ}$  above normal. Precipitation measured 2.93 inches, 0.38 inches above normal, while 16.3 inches of snow were recorded although snowfall was considerably heavier in the elevated areas to the south. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

During the first thirteen days of the period, temperatures were seasonal or below normal although never falling below zero degrees F. On the 14th day, a warming trend set in culminating in a high temperature reading of  $61^{\circ}$  on the 24th, just before a rapidly falling barometer brought gale force winds and colder weather back to end the month. The warm weather triggered an early migration of Whistling Swans and Canada Geese. On the 22nd, the writer was one of a party of birders who observed a flock of 91 Whistling Swans winging west along the Lake Erie shore at Lowbanks, Ontario just before dusk. On the 24th, 6000 Canada Geese and one Snow Goose were counted by John Morse from the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Migrating Red-wing Blackbirds and Grackles were also reported but in smaller numbers.

By the middle of the month, an ice bridge had begun to form in the lower gorge of the Niagara River at Niagara Falls and the high winds on the 24th and 25th filled the upper river with floating ice, dispersing the big concentrations of gulls which contained record numbers of larger arctic birds earlier in the winter. Nonetheless, birding along the river still proved rewarding and a Black-headed Gull seen at Queenston on the 2nd was also reported later in the month. A Franklin's Gull in breeding plumage thrilled many observers at Dunkirk harbor on Lake Erie during the month.

A Monk Parakeet was seen throughout the month visiting a feeder in



a yard on Louvaine Drive in the Town of Tonawanda. Tom Bourne reports that the Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker he observed in the Village of Hamburg on the 14th, was probably the same bird, a female, reported in these pages from the same locality in January. Other records of interest include the numerous reports of wintering Mockingbirds in the northern portion of our study area, the wintering Ruby-crowned Kinglet at Dufferin Island, Niagara Falls, Ontario and the record number of Lapland Longspurs observed by the Klabundes in one flock on the Lake Ontario plain on the 14th.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Horned Grebe	February	1	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Andrle, et al.
Pied-billed Grebe	"	1,9	2 Dunkirk Harbor	Andrle, et al.
	"	25	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
Great Blue Heron	"	1	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	5,6	1 Town of Amherst	Rising
	"	13	1 Belmont	Burtens
Whistling Swan	"	22F	91,3 Lowbanks, Rock House Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	28	18 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Heck, Olsen
	"	28	4 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
	"	28	18 Celeron, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
Canada Goose	"	9F	16/9 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Somerville, et al.
	"	23	62 Belmont	Burtens
	"	24	6000 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
	"	28	4000 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
	"	28	10 Celeron, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
	"	28	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
Snow Goose	"	<u>24</u>	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
	"	<u>27</u>	1 Iroquois NWR	Thompson

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Pintail	February	15	6	Niagara Falls	Andrle, et al.
	"	22F	9	Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
	"	24,28	40,70	Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Morse
Gr.-w. Teal	"	1	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell
American Wigeon	"	24F	2	Transit	Burtions, Smalley
	"	24	11	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	27	8	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Wood Duck	"	11,12	1	Dufferin Islands, Ont.	Axtell
	"	28	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
Ring-necked Duck	"	1-13	2	Niagara Falls Gorge	Axtell, et al.
Lesser Scaup	"	1-28	7-9	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
	"	12	45	Niagara River at Lewiston	Axtell
King Eider	"	7	1	Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Axtell, Ulrich, Herndon
White-w. Scoter	"	2	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner
	"	17	14	Fort Niagara	Andrle, et al.
Surf Scoter	"	1	1	Niagara Falls Gorge	Axtell
Black Scoter	"	11,12	2,2	Niagara Falls Gorge	Axtell
	"	21	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, Bourne
Hooded Merganser	"	1-28	2-3	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
	"	9	2	Niagara Falls	Mitchell, Gordon, Wilcove
	"	27	2	Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen, Thompson
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	3,8	1,1	Rose Hill, Ont.	Axtells
	"	8	1	Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
	"	16	1	Near Ft. Niagara	Axtell, Morrin
	"	17	1	Jamestown	Sundell
Cooper's Hawk	"	2-26	1	Belmont	Burtions
	"	4,13	1,1	Jamestown	Beal
	"	9	1	Hamburg	Andrle
	"	12	1	Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	16	1	Spring Brook	Danner
	"	21F	1	Wilson	Klabundes
Red-should. Hawk	"	1	1	Hickox Rd., Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
Rough-leg. Hawk	"	9,16	1,1	Cambria, Westfield	McKales
	"	11	2	Near Busti	Elderkin
	"	12	1	Jamestown	Beal
	"	15	2	Cambria Center	Klabundes
	"	15	1	Scio	V. Pitzrick
*Marsh Hawk	"	9	2,1	Cambria, Somerset	McKales
	"	9	1	Ransomville	Mitchell, Goodman, Wilcove
	"	15F	1	Ransomville	Klabundes
	"	22	1	Town of Cuba	Burtions
	"	24,25	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.

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Turkey	February	5	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
American Coot	"	11	1 Niagara Falls Gorge	Axtell
	"	28	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	28	16 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
Killdeer	"	7,9,22	1 Crescent Park, Ont. (Ft. Erie)	Sommerville
	"	22F	1 UB Campus in Amherst	McKales
	"	23	1 Near Frewsburg	Elderkin
	"	23	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	23	1 Wellsville	Pitzricks
Dunlin	"	2	3 Goat Island	Schaffner, Clark
Glaucous Gull	"	1,12,15,19	25,11,8,4 Entire Niagara River	Axtell
	"	2	10 Niagara Falls	Andrle, et al.
	"	2	12 Niagara Falls, Queenston	Klabundes
	"	2	22 Niagara River	Schaffner, Clark, Wade, Axtell
	"	9	1 Niagara Falls	Mitchell, Gordon, Wilcove
Iceland Gull	"	1	7 Niagara River	Axtell
	"	2	6 Niagara Falls, Queenston	Klabundes
	"	2	9 Niagara River	Schaffner, Clark, Wade, Axtell
	"	9	1 Niagara Falls	Mitchell, Goodman, Wilcove
* Ring-billed Gull	"	7	14,000 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew
* <u>Black-headed Gull</u>	"	2	1 Queenston, Ont.	Klabundes, McKales, Rew
* Franklin's Gull	"	9	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Andrle, et al.
	"	28	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
Bonaparte's Gull	"	2	1000 Niagara River below Queenston	Klabundes
	"	7	350 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew
	"	28	15 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
Little Gull	"	2-15	1-4 Queenston-Lewiston area	Axtell, et al.
	"	17	1 Lewiston	Andrle, et al.
	"	28	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
Mourning Dove	"	1-28	70-35 Belmont	Burtens
	"	10	27 Town of Almond	Klingensmith
	"	12	6 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	16	65 Acacia Cemetery at Pendleton	McKales
* <u>Monk Parakeet</u>	"	22	1 Kenmore	Wilcove

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Snowy Owl	February	1-28	2 just north of Iro-	
			quois NWR	Morse, et al.
	"	11,23	1,1 Niagara Falls Pkwy.,	
			Niagara Falls Air-	
			port	Klabundes
	"	14	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
Barred Owl	"	4	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Long-eared Owl	"	14	2 Youngstown-Lutz Rd.	Klabundes
	"	17	2 Youngstown-Lutz Rd.	Andrle, et al.
Short-eared Owl	"	16	10 Town of Bertie, Ont.	Yaki, et al.
	"	16	1 Grand Island	Rew
	"	16	2 Near Chippawa, Ont.	Axtell
	"	21	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
Saw-whet Owl	"	1-17	1 Oakland Cemetery at	
			Youngstown	Many observers
Belted Kingfisher	"	2	1 Niagara River opp.	
			Navy Island	Andrle, et al.
	"	1-15	1 Scio	V. Fitzrick
	"	1-28	1-2 Belmont	Burtens
	"	4	1 Town of Almond	Klingensmith
	"	9	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Andrle, et al.
	"	12-16	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell, Sommerville
	"	22	1 Rossburg	Fitzricks
Common Flicker	"	1-28	1 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	1	2 Burgeson Sanct. at	
			Freensburg	Elderkin
	"	2	1 Niagara-on-the-Lake,	Wagner
	"	9	2 Canadaway Creek Sanct.	Rew
	"	10-21	1 Eggertsville (f)	McKales
	"	14,20	1,1 Youngstown, Lewiston	Klabundes
* Red-bellied Wdpkr.	"	15	1 Town of Ellery (f)	Sundell, Robys
Blk.-bkd. 3-Toed Wdpkr.	"	14	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Horned Lark				
<u>E. a. alpestris</u>	"	9	1 Royalton	McKales
	"	14	12 Griffin Lane, Elma	Danner
	"	14	2 Hurlburt Rd. in	
			Ransomville	Klabundes
<u>E. a. praticola</u>	"	9	125 Royalton	McKales
	"	16	105 Porter	McKales
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-28	2 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	22	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	2	2 Queenston, Ont.	Wagner
	"	4-19	2-7 Alfred	Klingensmith
Winter Wren	"	1,7	1,1 Canadaway Creek Sanct.	Rew
	"	7	1 Fluvanna	Beal
	"	7	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich

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Carolina Wren	February	1,5	2,1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	1-28	2 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	16	Beaver Island State Park	McKales
	"	19-21	1 Lewiston (f)	Klabundes
	"	24	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
Robin	"	9	6 Town of Porter	Mitchell, Goodman, Wilcove
	"	9	12 Acacia Cemetery at Pendleton	McKales
	"	10,17	9,20 Lyndonville	Smithers
	"	16	25 near Oakland Cem. at Youngstown	Axtell, Morrin
(also numerous reports of one or two birds from variety of localities)				
Mockingbird	February	1-28	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
	"	1-28	1 Adam Beck Power Plant, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
	"	1-16	1 Iroquois NWR (Salt Rd)	Morse, Heck
	"	2,9,14	1 Oakland Cemetery, Youngstown	Several Observers
	"	2	3 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Klabundes
	"	15,23	1,1 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	15	1 Lockport	Klabundes
	"	16	2,1 Youngstown, Cambria	McKales
	"	16	1 Town of Bertie, Ont.	Yaki, et al.
	"	16	1 Lyndonville	Smiths
*Brown Thrasher	"	10	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (f)	Axtells
*Hermit Thrush	"	14	1 Oakland Cemetery at Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	14	1 Lewiston-Culkins Rd.	Klabundes
*Eastern Bluebird	"	17F	4 Tonawanda Indian Reservation	Rebovich
	"	21	6 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
	"	28	1 Shadagee Rd., Eden	Bourne
*Ruby-cr. Kinglet	"	<u>11,12</u>	1,1 Dufferin Islands, Ont.	Axtell
Cedar Waxwings	"	9	35 Dufferin Islands	Mitchell, Gordon, Wilcove
	"	11	29 near Busti	Elderkin
(Sizable flocks, 18-45, in last week of month at Lake View, Belmont, Spring Brook, Alfred, Eggertsville, Akron)				
Northern Shrike	"	1-28	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
	"	8	1 Grand Island	Rew
	"	14	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	21	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	7	1 Fluvanna	Beal
	"	18-28	1 Lewiston	Klabundes

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Eastern Meadowlark	February	16	4 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
Red-w. Blackbird	"	2,4	1 Belmont	Burtens
	"	22F	2 Iroquois NWR	Heck
	"	22F	40 Rossburg	Pitzricks
	"	24	100 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Common Grackle	"	1,4	1,6 Eggertsville (f)	McKales
	"	8,24F	1,3 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.(f)	Axtells
	"	25	1 Transit Rd., Elma	Danner
	"	26	1 Jamestown (f)	Elderkin
	"	28	10 Belmont	Burtens
	"	28	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Brown-h. Cowbird	"	8	1 Jamestown (f)	Sundell
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-28	5-100 Belmont, Jamestown Alfred, Amity Lake	Burtens, Elderkin, Klingensmith, V. Pitzrick
	"	15,16	1,16 Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Heck
Purple Finch	"	1	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	1-28	2-6 Belmont	Burtens
	"	1-28 up to 12	Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	8,12;23	1,6;6 Scio;Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
* Pine Siskin	"	5	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
Field Sparrow	"	12	10 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	15-28	1 Belmont	Burtens
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	"	9	1 Royalton (f)	McKales
	"	14	1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	"	1-28	18 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.(f)	Axtells
	"	1-28	1-2 Belmont	Burtens
	"	1-28	6-12 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	1	15 Canadaway Creek Sanct.	Rew
	"	2	8 Queenston, Ont.(f)	Wagner
	"	5,6,15	1,1,1 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	8,12,15	4,5,2 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	9	2 Tonawanda WMA	McKales
	"	11	3 Queenston, Ont.(f)	Axtell
	"	28	1 Jamestown	Beal
*Swamp Sparrow	"	1,12	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
Lapland Longspur	"	9	60 Ransomville	Mitchell, Goodman, Wilcove
	"	14	400 Ransomville	Klabundes
	"	16	11 Town of Porter	McKales
	"	17	45 Town of Porter	Andrle, et al.

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Snow Bunting	February	9	60 Ransomville	Mitchell, Goodman, Wilcove
"	"	9	25,250 Cambria, Clarence Center	McKales
"	"	10	8 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	13	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Morse
"	"	14	100 Ransomville	Klabundes
"	"	15	80 Near Frewsburg	Elderkin, et al.
"	"	16,19,20	90,50,50 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville

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BIRD NAME CHANGES IN THE B.O.S. STUDY AREA

compiled by Joseph F. Thill

In the April 1973 issue of The Auk (vol. 90, pp 411-419), the quarterly journal of the American Ornithologist's Union, the "Thirty-second Supplement to the A.O.U. Check-List of North American Birds" was published. (see The Prothonotary, vol. 39:7, pp 82-83, 1973). This supplement covers changes in English and scientific names of birds accepted by the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature since the publication of the A.O.U. "Checklist of North American Birds" (1957, Fifth Edition). Since the changes in both the check-list and the supplement, especially of vernacular names, have been incorporated into the 'Noteworthy Records' section of this newsletter and in all records appearing in the journal of the New York State Federation of Bird Clubs, The Kingbird and in the seasonal records of American Birds, the writer feels that these nomenclatural changes should be incorporated into the two field guides most commonly used by local birders, A Field Guide to the Birds, (Revised Edition, 1947) by Roger Tory Peterson and Birds of North America (1966) by Chandler S. Robbins, Bertel Bruun and Herbert S. Zim; also, in the definitive study of the birds of this area, Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region (1965) by Clark S. Beardslee and Harold D. Mitchell.

The changes listed in the fifth edition of the A.O.U. Checklist (1957) occurred before publication of both Beardslee and Mitchell's book and Robbins et.al. field guide and they are incorporated in those volumes. Peterson's Eastern Field Guide (2nd revised and enlarged edition), however, was published in 1947 and the nomenclature in the text has not been updated although the plates and page numbers from the 44th through the current 46th printing have been changed. The page numbers for 'Peterson' in the following table refer to the 1947 edition, printing one through 43 inclusive, which I am sure is the volume owned by most readers.

The compiler wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to James Tate, Jr. and Douglas P. Kibbe whose article, 'Update Your Field Guides', which was printed in American Birds, (vol. 28:4) in August, 1974 was the inspiration for the present

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parochial effort. Tate and Kibbe's compilation was far more ambitious, covering all changes in vernacular and scientific names in four field guides for all species of North American birds north of Mexico and should be consulted by those readers whose birding activities are not confined to our study area.

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NOTES

Decline of DDT in Migratory Songbirds in Florida

Perhaps the only positive aspect of the appalling mortality among passerine bird species as the result of striking television towers and other electronic beacons in their autumn passage from their breeding grounds to wintering areas in the West Indies and Central and South America, has been to make specimens available to scientists to study fat deposits. The subcutaneous and abdominal fat deposits of birds contains concentrations of the chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticide, dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) and its metabolites (DDD and DDE). By subjecting these fat deposits to analysis, it is possible to determine the amount of pesticide carried by the bird. The results of analysis of ten species of migratory songbirds, killed when the birds flew into television towers in Florida, for the period 1964 to 1973, was reported in Science (vol. 186:4166, November 28th, 1974) by Dr. David W. Johnston of the Department of Zoology of the University of Florida at Gainesville. The study indicated a progressive decline in the concentration of DDT, DDD and DDE in the fat deposits of birds which is apparently correlated with the decreased use of these pesticides in the United States during the same time. Domestic production of DDT peaked in 1959 and had steadily declined until the virtual ban on its use by the Environmental Protection Agency effective December 31st, 1972. Although DDT residuals may be found in natural ecosystems for some time to come, Dr. Johnson concludes that the body burdens of this pesticide in birds and other vertebrates may rapidly decline when intake of fresh applications is discontinued.

Pymatuning Weekend

The annual birders weekend at Presque Isle and Pymatuning, Pennsylvania will be on May 10 - 11, 1975 this spring. As usual, local birders should rendezvous with other participants at Presque Isle State Park near Erie, Pennsylvania on Saturday morning with field trips for those interested departing from Cabin No. 3 at 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. At 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, the annual banquet and meeting will be held at the Grange Hall at Penn Line, Pa. The scheduled guest speaker is Mr. H. O. Heimerdinger of Cross, South Carolina who will present "The Dolly Sods Scenic Area (and what there is to do there!)". Sunday will be devoted to field trips in the Pymatuning area. Sunday breakfast will be available at the Driftwood Restaurant in Linesville, Pennsylvania for those who desire it. Call the local leader, Mr. Harold Mitchell, at 633-8612 for further details.

PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's club room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

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- May 14th. - "Birder's Big Day" - a taped program with narration of a twenty-four hour birding marathon in late May to list as many species as it is possible to record in this area at the height of the spring migration. Eighty-four calls and songs of various species which can be expected in the areas visited by our hypothetical birder are interspersed with the narration but not identified. Sheets listing the birds whose songs and calls are being played will be distributed to the audience who will have the option of trying to identify them by ear or follow the list to refresh their memories in anticipation of the songs they will be hearing on field trips at this season. Program taped and produced by Mr. Harold Freund.
- May 28th. - Color slides with taped narration. (1) 'Sight, Sound and Song' dealing with bird behavior and (2) 'Bird Migration'. These programs were produced by the Moreland-Latchford Film Company of Toronto, Ontario with our own Dave Bigelow serving as consultant. Mr. Bigelow will introduce the program.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- May 10th. a Erie Beach and Mud Lake, Ontario for spring migrants. Joseph Thill, leader. Meet at Vermont Street and Busti Avenue of Peace Bridge at 7:30 a.m. Telephone leader at 877-7257 for further details.
- May 17 - 18th. - May Bird Count. Harriette and Walter Klabunde, co-leaders. Note that count may be conducted on one of two days to choose optimum weather conditions or one half of the territory chosen may be covered on one day and the other on the next. Please do not cover the same area on two successive days. Telephone leaders at 754-4424 for assignment of territory.

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## THE MONTH

March was cold and decidedly wintry with no promise of an early spring. The average temperature for the period was  $30.8^{\circ}$ , a departure of  $-1.3^{\circ}$  from the norm. Precipitation measured 2.92 inches, 0.07 inches above normal although there was only 7.6 inches of snowfall recorded, 2.5 inches of which fell on the 14th. Below average temperatures were recorded on 17 days and the highest reading on the thermometer was  $56^{\circ}$  on the 18th. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

Bird migration was normal for early spring with no significant aberrations in movement or numbers. Elsewhere in these pages, Marie Wendling comments on the low numbers of Canada Geese in the Wetland preserves east of Buffalo. Whether this reflects fewer birds or a wider dispersal in suitable agricultural areas near Lake Ontario awaits more intensive field study. On the 2nd, birders were treated to an excellent day of gull watching in the Niagara Gorge where a number of rare larks were observed including Franklin's Gull, Black-headed Gull and a presumptive Lesser Black-backed Gull. The Black-backed Gull was first seen by Dan Salisbury and a party of Toronto birders in the morning and later re-discovered by Robert Andrie and the writer in the afternoon, at the Adam Beck Power Station near Queenston. Unfortunately, we were unable to see the bird's leg color as we watched it below us in a flock of Ring-billed and Herring Gulls and without this diagnostic character, identification must remain uncertain.

Other interesting records for the month include a record 95 Ring-necked Pheasants in a flock on Fuhmann Boulevard near the foot of Michigan Avenue on the 2nd. The significance of this record lies in its indication of the numbers of wild game birds which can be supported in the tiny strip of undeveloped fields and wooded areas along the south harbor of the City of Buffalo in the shadow of high density residential and industrial neighborhoods. The adult Franklin's Gull remained in

Dunkirk harbor most of the month and Tom Bourne reported a Common Raven from the vicinity of the Hamburg airport on the 6th. A very good early migration of hawks was reported by several observers from the traditional look-outs along the south shore of Lake Erie and in the Town of Porter near Lake Ontario.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Horned Grebe	March	23F	3 SUNY Campus, Amherst	McKales
	"	24	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Pied-billed Grebe	"	4F	2 Forest Lawn Cemetery	Happ
	"	9	2 Chippewa Creek, Ont.	Klabundes
Great Blue Heron	"	24F, 27	7, 17 Iroquois NWR	Morse
* American Bittern	"	<u>9F</u>	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery	Happ, Galbo, Ross
Whistling Swan	"	1	4 West River, Grand Island	Klabundeas
	"	1, 5, 16, 17	4, 25, 60, 26 Chautauqua Lake	Elderkin
	"	1, 16	15, 160 Chautauqua Lake (Celoron)	Sundell
	"	2	14 Wilson (in wheat field)	McKales
	"	4	4 Tonawanda WMA	Danner
	"	4, 11, 17, 23, 30	65, 22, 30, 25, 21 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	5	1 SUNY Campus, Amherst	Rising
	"	6	165 Randolph	Elderkin
	"	8	11 Nice Rd. Sink, Newstead	Wendling
	"	9, 23	5, 23 Oak Orchard GMA	McKales
	"	13	4 Eden (in field of rye)	Bourne
	"	14	52 Celoron	Beal
	"	15	4 Hamburg	Andrle
	"	16	10 Lake Ontario (Town of Yates)	Andrle, et al.
	"	16	16 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
	"	20	26 Iroquois NWR	Smiths
	"	23	1 Pt. Gratiot	Andrle, et al.
	"	23	40 Nice Rd. Sink, Newstead	McKales
	"	23	41 Steiner Rd. Sink, Newstead	Wendling
	"	28	5 Canadaway Creek Sanctuary	Rew, Schwartz

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Canada Goose	March 1,5,16,17	4-60	Chautauqua Lake	Elderkin
"	3,7,25	7,15,80	Belmont	Burtens
"	4	12,000	Iroquois NWR, Oak Orchard	
			GMA	Klabundes
"	4	12,000	Tonawanda WMA	Danner
"	6	180	Nice Rd. Sink, Newstead	Mitchell
"	7-23	2-80	Amity Lake	Pitzricks
"	8	525	Nice Rd., Stage Rd. Sinks	Wendling
"	8	50	Greenhurst	Beal
"	11;17;27	16,400;21,000;41,000	Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	22	60	Alfred	Klingensmith
"	22	42	Cheektowaga, Chaffee	Mitchell, et al.
"	29	3500	Lake Ontario (Lyndonville- Olcott)	Klabundes
Snow Goose	16F	1	(white phase) Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
"	16F	1	(white phase) Iroquois NWR	Rew, Schwartz, Horbett
"	16F	1	(blue phase) Iroquois NWR	Rew, Schwartz, Horbett
"	23	3	(blue phase) Iroquois NWR	Happ, Thompson, Wendling
Gadwall	1F	2	Chautauqua Lake	Elderkin
"	18	3	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Green-w. Teal	14F	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	16	1	Iroquois NWR	Rew, Schwartz, Horbett
*Blue-w. Teal	19F	2	Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
"	25	3	Town of Scio	Burtens
*Shoveler	18F	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	23,26,27	1,3,3	Iroquois NWR	Happ
"	23	4	Tonawanda WMA	McKales
"	29	3	Iroquois NWR	Klabundes
"	31	2	Dunkirk	Sundell
Wood Duck	19F	2	Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
"	28	2	Thruway Pond, Dunkirk	Rew, Schwartz
Redhead	1F	6	Chautauqua Lake	Elderkin
"	8	80	Celoron	Beal
Ring-necked Duck	7F	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	8	1	Buffalo River (at mouth)	Andrle
Lesser Scaup	19F	2	East Eden Pond	Bourne
"	23	3	Iroquois NWR	Happ
*Ruddy Duck	4F	6	Chautauqua Lake	Elderkin
"	28	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	28	2	Thruway Pond, Dunkirk	Rew, Schwartz
Hooded Merganser	14F	1	Nice Rd. Sink, Newstead	Mitchell
"	16	2	Chautauqua Lake	Elderkin
*Turkey Vulture	23F	1	Frewsburg	Elderkin
*Goshawk	16	1	Iroquois NWR	Rew, Schwartz, Horbett

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Sharp-sh. Hawk	March	16F	1	Near Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
	"	18	2	Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	19	1	Town of Hamburg	Bourne
	"	23	1	Near Allegany Rd.	Andrle, et al.
Cooper's Hawk	"	3	1	Belmont	Burtens
	"	3	1	Lyndonville	Smiths
	"	4	1	Lancaster	Danner
	"	9	1	Grimsby, Ont.	Klabundes
	"	13,19	1,1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Thompson
	"	21,28	1	Youngstown	Klabundes
Red-tailed Hawk	11,17,18,21,27,28	29,6,5,12,1,55	Youngstown((migrants)	Klabundes	
	"	23	82	Evans to Dunkirk	Andrle, et al.
Red-should. Hawk	11F,17,18,21,28	1,1,3,5,7	Youngstown (migrants)	Klabundes	
	"	17	1	Over Hamburg	Bourne
	"	18	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	23	8	Evans to Dunkirk	Andrle, et al.
	"	25	2	Town of Alma	Burtens
	"	26	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
Rough-leg. Hawk	"	1	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	2	2	Town of Newstead	McKales
	"	2,9	11,20	Lyndonville	Smiths
	"	4	4	Lyndonville	Klabundes
	"	4,10,17	1,1,1	Iroquois NWR	Heck, et al.
	"	9	2	Town of Alabama	Happ
	"	11	1	Smith Rd., Hamburg	Bourne
	11,17,18,21,28	2,1,3,5,5	Youngstown (migrants)	Klabundes	
	"	16	1	Near Indian Falls	Andrle, et al.
	"	22	2	Fredonia	Mitchell, et al
	"	23	1	Arcade	Danner
Ring-necked Pheasant	"	2	95	Buffalo (Fuhrmann Blvd.)	Andrle
Turkey	"	15,17	3,6	Frewsburg	Elderkin
	"	30	1	Allegany County	R. Pitzrick
American Coot	"	9	3F	Iroquois NWR	McKales
*Amer. Woodcock	"	12F	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	18	1	Buffalo	King
*Common Snipe	"	26F	1	Amherst	Happ
*Greater Yellowlegs	"	26F	1	Iroquois NWR	Hendershot
Glaucous Gull	"	2	2	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Iceland Gull	"	2	3	Niagara Falls and Beck	
			Power Station	Andrle, Thill	
	"	23	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Klabundes
Black-headed Gull	"	2	1	Queenston, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Franklin's Gull	"	6	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Benton
	"	21	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Rew, Schwartzes
	"	23	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Andrles
	"	31	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
Bonaparte's Gull	"	18F	5	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	31	125	Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell

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Little Gull	March	2	3	Queenston, Ont.	Andrle, Thill
	"	16	5	Queenston, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Snowy Owl	"	1-31	1	Sour Sprgs Rd., north of Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	2	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
	"	2,9,12	1,1,2	Lyndonville	Smiths
	"	16	1	Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
	"	16	1	Small Boat Harbor, Buffalo	Happ
Short-eared Owl	"	2	1	Baseline Rd., Grand Island	Happ
	"	6,31	6,17	Lyndonville	Smiths
	"	16	7	Town of Yates	Andrle, et al.
Saw-whet Owl	"	16	1	Oakland Cemetery, Youngstown	Andrle, et al.
Belted Kingfisher	"	22	1	Wiscoy	Mitchell, et al.
Red-bellied Wdpkr.	"	2	1	Eden	Knox, Merritt, Nutting
	"	4	1	Iroquois NWR	Klabundes
	"	9	1	Town of Newstead	McKales
	"	14	1	Martha's Vineyard, Bemus Pt.	Beal
	"	16	1	Martha's Vineyard, Town of Ellery	Sundell
	"	16	1,1	Iroquois NWR	Andrle, Rew et al.
* Phoebe	"	22	1	Fillmore (f)	Mitchell, et al.
	"	24F	1	Town of Amity	Burtons
	"	25	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Horned Lark	"				
* <u>E.a.alpestris</u>	"	3	25	Elma	Danner
* Tree Swallow	"	16F	2	Iroquois NWR	Rew, Schwartz, Horbett
	"	23	1	Tonawanda WMA	McKales
* Common Raven	"	6F	1	Hamburg Airport	Bourne
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-31	2	Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	5,10	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
	"	14,15	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	1-31	1	Belmont (f)	Burtons, Casterline
	"	20	1	Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo	Happ
	"	30	1	Bond's Lake County Park	Klabundes
Winter Wren	"	24F	1	Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Happ
	"	31	1	Town of Hamburg	Bourne
Carolina Wren	"	1-31	2	Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	5	1	Dufferin Islands, Ont.	Axtell
	"	10-31	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
Mockingbird	"	16-31	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	30	1	Bond's Lake County Park	Klabundes
	"	24	1	Hamburg	Bourne

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Robin	March 18F, 23, 27	17, 75, 87	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	23	60 Town of Amity	Burtens
Hermit Thrush	"	24F	1 Eggertsville	Hull
Eastern Bluebird	"	13, 15	2, 3 Iroquois NWR	Thompson, Olsen
*Water Pipit	"	22	1 Short Tract	Mitchell, et al.
Northern Shrike	"	24F	6 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	1-14, 15	1, 2 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtells
	"	2	5 Lyndonville	Smiths
	"	9	1 Town of Newstead	McKales
	"	11	1 Town of Hamburg	Bourne
	"	11, 31; 27	1, 1; 1 Youngstown; Grand Island	Klabundes
	"	15	1 Town of Hamburg	Andrle
	"	16	1 Town of Clarence	Rew, Schwartz,
	"			Horbett
	"	28	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
Yellow-r. Warbler	"	1-31	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
E. Meadowlark	"	22F	12 Allegany B.O.S.-	
	"		A.C.B.C. Trip	Mitchell, et al.
	"	22F	3 Town of Amity	V. Pitzrick
	"	24	15 Alfred	Klingensmith
*Rusty Blackbird	"	8F	3 South Wales	Wendling,
	"			Saville
	"	23	6 Town of Clarence	McKales
Brown-h. Cowbird	"	17F	12 Belmont	Burtens
	"	28	8 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-31	11-24 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	1-31	3-16 Jamestown (f)	Sundell
	"	1-31	90-40 Belmont	Burtens
	"	9, 11, 16, 27	4-12 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	11	50 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	13	15 Hamburg (f)	Bourne
	"	16	6 East Aurora	Klabundes
	"	16, 25	10, 2 Alfred	Klingensmith
Purple Finch	"	1-31	2-4 Belmont	Burtens
	"	1-31	11 (max.) Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	1	1 Town of Cambria (f)	Hendershot
	"	6, 10; 12-31	2, 10; 12 Jamestown (f)	Sundell
	"	15	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	17	17 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	22	5 Lyndonville	Smiths
*Common Redpoll	"	24	1 Lyndonville	Smiths
Amer. Goldfinch	"	1-31	1-12 Hamburg, Belmont, Spring	Bourne,
			Brook, Amity Lake	Skrzypek,
				Burtens,
				Danner,
				V. Pitzrick
*Red Crossbill	"	9F	5 Hamburg	Bourne
*Savannah Sparrow	"	24F	4 Alfred	Klingensmith

Field Sparrow	March	17F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	22	1 Near Fillmore	Mitchell, et al
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	"	1-31	1 Town of Cambria (f)	Hendershot
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	"	1-31	1-3 Belmont	Burtons
	"	1-31	10-15 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
*Fox Sparrow	"	24F	1 Belmont	Burtons
	"	25	1 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne
Lapland Longspur	"	7	2 Bay View	Bourne
Snow Bunting	"	2	30 Wilson	McKales
	"	9	75 near Pembroke	Skrzypek

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . .	115
Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . .	18
Total for year . . . . .	133

# WINTER BIRD POPULATION STUDY

This past winter the writer, with the help of several B.O.S. members, conducted an Audubon Winter Bird Population Study at the Nature Conservancy's Canadaway Creek Nature Sanctuary. The study was made in accordance with the established rules and a report submitted to American Birds.

The Sanctuary is located on Route 5 just south of Dunkirk, New York near the mouth of the Canadaway Creek and consists of 30 acres of flood plain covered for the most part by dense brush and a mixture of deciduous lowland trees of medium height. Many of these trees, as well as the mature Black Willows bordering the stream, are covered with a heavy growth of Wild Grape which forms thick tangles in the treetops. Where the weight of the vines has brought trees to the ground, the tangles are almost impenetrable. About four acres of similar terrain not presently owned by the Conservancy were included in the study. The study area was visited eight times between December 28, 1974 and February 9, 1975, the trips averaging 144 minutes.

The late fall and early winter were unusually mild, the December temperature being 3.8 degrees above normal and the January temperature 6 degrees above normal. The first two weeks of February were more typical of our winter weather and on February 9th, the coldest day on which a trip was made, the temperature was 13 degrees. Average temperature for all trips was 27 degrees. There was some snow cover on all but two of the trips, the deepest being 8" on both January 19th and February 9th.

Food was in good supply as the Wild Grape, the Alders and the Staghorn Sumacs were heavily fruited. Most of the viburnums and dogwoods had fruit early in the winter and some fruit remained on the Highbush Cranberry in February. Dead wood with its attendant insect life is abundant throughout the Sanctuary.



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The table below sets forth the species observed in taxonomic order, the number of each species seen on each trip and the average number per trip. The plus indicates an average of less than 0.5.

Date of Trip	<u>COUNT DATA</u>								<u>Average per Trip</u>
	12/28	1/5	1/19	1/24	1/31	2/1	2/7	2/9	
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	1	1							+
Mallard				2		2			0.5
Black Duck							2		+
Belted Kingfisher	1	1							+
Common Flicker				1			1	2	0.5
Hairy Woodpecker	3	1	1	2	1	2	3	2	2
Downy Woodpecker	2	3	6	5	4	3	4	5	4
Bl.-c. Chickadee	4	2	8	7	12	10	4	8	7
Wh.-br. Nuthatch	2	1	2		1	1	1	1	1
Brown Creeper					1		1		+
Winter Wren		2	2	1		1	1		1
Golden-cr. Kinglet		3	2			4	2	2	2
Am. Robin	1								+
Cedar Waxwing		22							3
Cardinal	2	8	9	11	13	10	10	14	9
Ev. Grosbeak							1	2	+
Dark-eyed Junco						4			0.5
Tree Sparrow			12			5	2	3	3
Wh.-thr. Sparrow		6	6	10	15	15	4	7	8
Song Sparrow		4		4	3	1	2	1	2

It will be noted that ten species, half of those recorded, were seen on four or more trips and four species, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Chickadee and Cardinal, were observed on every trip. It is hoped that this study can be continued in future winters and perhaps, if enough members are interested, counts can be made in other kinds of habitats.

The following B.O.S. members assisted with the coverage and their able help was much appreciated: Robert and Patricia Andrle, Lois Buck, Marcia Foster, Carolyn Frank, Joseph Hauser, Clara Henderson, Eva Paulson, Pauline Schwartz and Alice Ulrich.

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#### ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

##### South Towns Bird Tour

by Richard Byron

On March 16th, fifteen B.O.S. members and friends in five cars (some improvement there in vehicle utilization) plowed and plodded through snow and gloom to pick up forty-three species of birds in a late winter field trip. Most of the observing was done from the automobiles although we hiked a bit.

There weren't many highlights to raise our spirits but we did see a beautiful adult Franklin's Gull in Dunkirk Harbor, two tufted Titmice at South Wales and two Red-shouldered Hawks south of East Aurora. Dunkirk Harbor was filled with drift ice blown in by the high winds during the previous day. Fishermen in boats in the remaining area of open water effectively drove away most of the ducks. But a day birding is a good day .... it's just that some are better than others!

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##### Allegany County Field Trip

by Harold D. Mitchell

It was cloudy with intermittent showers on March 22nd when about 15 B.O.S. members and friends drove down to Allegany County to participate in a joint field trip with members of the Allegany County Bird Club. The day started auspiciously when we spotted a small "V" of twelve Canada Geese flying west over Cheektowaga where we had stopped to pick up two young members of our group. We spotted another flock of thirty birds near Chaffee. Other birds observed on our way to the meeting with the Allegany County birders at Freedom, N.Y. included Killdeer, Robins and Grackles. It was pleasant to meet old friends again, including Mr. and Mrs. Lou Burton and Vivian Pitzrick who is doing such a fine job as Region #1 Record Compiler for The Kingbird.

Allegany County Field Trip, cont.

On the Centerville Road, we enjoyed views of Red-tailed Hawks, Rough-legged Hawks, Marsh Hawks and American Kestrel. Our trip covered much of Northern Allegany County, including Wiscoy where we saw nests in a small heronry. At Fillmore, the choice bird of the day, an Eastern Bluebird, was seen in a ravine near the road. It soon flew out on a fence post in plain sight of all. Except for a few Mallards on the Genesee River, we saw no waterfowl since the lakes, ponds and swamps were still frozen. In mid-afternoon, a steady rain ended our birding activities. Frances Rew and Alice Ulrich, who had stayed over Friday night as guests of the Allegany Bird Club, saw a Red-bellied Woodpecker early on Saturday morning before joining us, making a total of thirty-two species for the day. Not bad considering the weather conditions.

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Trip To The Oak Orchard Area

by Marie Wendling

One of the strangest trips to the Oak Orchard area took place on Saturday, March 29th. With our usual luck, the weather was miserable and we started out in a steady drizzle which apparently discouraged most of our members as we were only six people in two cars. Later, we encountered two classes from the Museum with quite a respectable number of birders. Everyone, however, had the same question: "Where are all the waterfowl?"

At Nice Road there was only one Canada Goose although Mallards, Black Ducks and American Wigeon were present in good numbers. We also saw about fifteen Pintails and two Blue-winged Teal. Although the Stage Road Sinks were flooded, no birds were seen. At Steiner Road, 125 Canada Geese were present with a few Wigeon and Pintails.

The Wolcottsville Sinks were strangely empty with no more than a scattering of geese and a few ducks. Only three cars were in the parking lot. Evidently the word had gotten around! At Cayuga Pool on the National Wildlife Refuge, only five Whistling Swans of the far larger flock seen earlier in the week, remained. A small line of ducks included six Redheads and four Canvasbacks. The vast expanse of Stafford's Pond harbored a hundred geese at most and six Ring-necked Ducks. On Sour Springs Road there were a few more Ring-necks and Redheads, some Goot and six Common Mergansers. Geese numbered not more than fifty. From the overlook at Ring-necked Duck Pond we watched five Hooded Mergansers cavorting about in lively fashion - probably in courting antics. Five Shovelers were a pleasant surprise at Shelby Sinks where about four hundred Canada Geese were also present.

Other than waterfowl, our count included five Great Blue Herons, three Turkey Vultures and five Red-tailed Hawks. One noisy flock of Icterids contained five Rusty Blackbirds and another was comprised mostly of Cowbirds. A late Northern Shrike was seen on Ditch Road.

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Trip To The Oak Orchard Area cont.

Where were the Geese? Most of those we observed were scattered in flocks feeding in the stubble of last year's corn fields. Some were seen in the air flying in small "Vs". We decided that no more than three thousand Geese, in total, were seen before a raw, cold, wind ended the trip in the early afternoon.

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### NOTES

#### Ethics For Nest Watchers

With the advent of the summer season, many B.O.S. members will indulge in the pleasant pastime of finding and photographing the nests of birds. Since there is much evidence to indicate that human trespassing at nest sites attracts predators, we are reprinting instructions on how to minimize the threat of destruction to the nest and its contents originally published in the Newsletter of the North American Nesting Record Survey at Cornell University in November, 1974.

#### "Nests in Trees"

Start up the tree with a ladder (it leaves no scent up the trunk), or throw a rope over a branch and climb the rope, keeping clear of the trunk.

Another solution is to place naphthalene crystals ("moth balls") at the base of the tree. An animal inhaling a nose-full of the fumes usually retreats to re-evaluate the consequences of raiding a nest protected by such noxious odors. The idea of using the crystals is especially ingenious as naphthalene fumes are heavy and several handfulls of crystals, spread about the base of the tree, will settle in the ground cover and stay there for a long time--certainly until the human scent has disappeared. Scattering crystals on the ground comprises the first barrier. A second barrier, for example a burlap collar containing naphthalene crystals, should be installed about six or seven feet below the nest.

The banders spray the trunks of nest trees with commercial repellents designed to keep pet dogs off the furniture. It is possible that such products, particularly those with an oil base, might be worth a try.

Nail a wide metal collar around the trunk of the tree, camouflaged with spray paint to make them less conspicuous. Naphthalene crystals, however, may well be as effective and are less conspicuous. Some cliff nests have trails leading to them and naphthalene on the trail should increase their security.

#### Nests on the Ground

If you are aware of the actual nest location, it is best to approach it in a path which would lead past the nest. When you are adjacent to the nest, you should turn at right angles to your path of travel, walk directly to the nest and band the nestlings. Once you have banded the nestlings, retrace your steps to your original line of travel.

Ethics for nest watchers, cont.

On the return trip from the nest, sprinkle your trail with liberal quantities of naphthalene crystals. When you reach your original trail, you would again turn at right angles and continue in your original direction of travel. Thus any predator who picks up and follows your original trail would be discouraged from turning off and following your side trail to the nest. He would be more likely to continue following your trail in your original direction of travel.

BREEDING BIRD SURVEYS ON MINI-ROUTES

If you can readily identify the birds in your area and recognize most by song and/or call notes, your talent is needed in carrying out a breeding bird survey by the Mini-Route procedure any day in the month of June.

Purpose: To obtain an index of abundance of breeding birds. This manner of checking breeding birds has been shown to be highly reproducible in tests run by the Bureau of Fisheries & Wildlife and is the best known method to measure changes in abundance that result from such factors as changes in land use and widespread applications of pesticides.

Definition of Mini-Route: A Mini-Route run will consist of 25 stops one half mile apart at which all birds heard or seen by one observer in a period of three (3) minutes are recorded. The observations at the first stop will begin at 5:10 A.M. The location of the first stop and the 12 mile route to be followed is left to the discretion of the individual. One precaution; it is best to avoid traveling on major roads where traffic noises interfere. Likewise the run should be made under favorable weather conditions, namely: (1), in the absence of fog, steady drizzle or prolonged rain, and (2), when the wind is less than 10 m.p.h. Rain and high wind, not only affect bird activity but also make both visual and audio observations difficult. So this same run can be repeated in future years, the route and all stops must be defined using a road map or BOS Sectional Maps. Each Mini-Route will be designated by the location of the starting point using BOS Section number followed by the coordinates of the starting point. (An improbable Mini-Route starting at Niagara Square in the city of Buffalo would be designated as (11-0-4).

Equipment & Procedure: Pencils, notebook, description of route stops, binoculars, watch with second hand, thermometer and car with gasoline. To carry out a run the observer should have an assistant(s) to help with the recording, timing and/or driving. It is also suggested that scouting runs be made so that the party familiarize themselves with the route, stops and birds along the route. To simplify recording a notebook should be prepared. A column for each stop should have space for stop number, time, and mileage, and sufficient space for noting a maximum of 20 species (usual observations may range from 5 to 18 with 8 to 14 being normal.) Temperature, sky conditions and wind should be recorded at beginning and end of run. Two exceptions are permissible in the rules: (1) If a stop is near a crossing of a major highway where traffic noises may interfere, locate the stop up to 0.2 mi. further along; (2) if a noisy vehicle passes during a stop extend your stopping time by one minute. To avoid confusion of true sun rise time all Mini-Route runs will start at 5:10 A.M. DST. Normally you should be able to make 12 stops

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Breeding bird surveys on mini-routes, cont.

per hour. Thus the run should be completed by 7:15 A.M. Summarize your tallies on a regular BOS check list showing the number of each species recorded in the A column and the number of stops in which the species were recorded in the B column. Include information on weather, date and name of observer and assistant(s) in designated places. Also attach a complete description of the route and stops. Mail the results to Walter Klabunde, 4923 Creek Rd., Lewiston, N.Y. 14092 before July 5th.

Our Records Custodian, Marie Wendling, is asking for the donation of a two, three or four drawer used file cabinet to afford us some badly needed storage space in the Hazelton Library. Any kind soul who wishes to immortalize him or herself by such a donation may contact Ms. Wendling at 632-6625 or 87 Garrison Road, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221.

#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

June 10th Picnic meeting - Old Fort Erie Park, Fort Erie, Ontario  
6:30 P.M. - Bring picnic supper.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler: Mr. Robert M. Wagner, 4325 Circle Court, Williamsville, New York 14221.

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## THE MONTH

April was unusually cold and decidedly unspringlike with the severest weather of the early spring occurring within the first ten days of the period. For the first time in the history of the Buffalo Ornithological Society, an April Bird Count was cancelled because of blizzard conditions. In the immediate vicinity of Buffalo on April 6th, the original date of the count, over twelve inches of snow were on the ground and a high temperature reading of only  $28^{\circ}$ ,  $16^{\circ}$  below normal for this date, was recorded. For two days prior to that time, heavy snow squalls and gale force winds created an arctic scene that was most discouraging to the winter weary residents of this area. Even with the end of the snow, temperatures remained on the low side for the rest of the month with below normal readings recorded twenty-three out of the thirty days of the period! Precipitation for the month measured 1.85 inches, a departure of -1.29 from the norm with 14.2 inches of snow recorded from the first through the sixth day. The average temperature for the month was  $39.3^{\circ}$  or  $5.6^{\circ}$  below normal. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The unseasonably cold weather and snow created a temporary crisis for the early spring bird migrants and several reports were received at the Buffalo Museum of Science of dead robins, apparently victims of lack of food and exposure. Many others were observed huddled forlornly in sheltered spots inspiring innovative feeding efforts on the part of many people who normally do not concern themselves with the energy problems of birds.

Birders afield in April witnessed a very good migration with several outstanding observations. Perhaps because of the cold weather, large numbers of Canada Geese remained at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge throughout the month. Both white and blue morphs of the Snow Goose were seen among these geese and Robert Sundell reports a rare Barnacle Goose on Casey Road in the refuge on the 12th.



Two reports of sightings of Cattle Egrets in the Town of Kiantone and near Frewsburg, in Chautauqua County, on April 21st, were received. The spring passage of hawks and other raptors was one of the best in recent years with birds, especially Sharp-shinned Hawks, moving daily during the last half of the month, frequently in spite of cold northerly winds. Many birders commented on the large number of Turkey Vultures seen this year with 38 counted over Youngstown in Niagara County on the 9th and ten more birds from this location on the 10th, by Walter Klabunde. On the 10th also, Robert Andrle and Richard Byron saw six vultures flying over North Main Street in a heavily populated section of Buffalo. The most spectacular hawk flight in our study area in recent years was witnessed by Arthur Clark and Arthur Schaffner in a thirteen hour marathon watch at Pinehurst, Old Lake Shore Road, in the Town of Hamburg on the 30th. These two observers, aided by Robert Andrle in the early morning and late afternoon, recorded the passage of over 5000 Broad-winged Hawks, 240 Sharp-shins and a record 34 Ospreys, among other species at this location. Weather conditions were ideal for such a flight with clear skies, southeast winds under 15 m.p.h. and temperatures in the low seventies.

Other records of interest include two new localities for occurrence of the House Finch, two birds of this species being observed in the Village of Hamburg on the 22nd and two in the Village of Belmont in Allegany County between the 16th and the 25th. Belvedere, in Allegany County, was the scene of the sighting of a rare migrant LeConte's Sparrow by Bob and Bruce Smalley on the sixth.

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#### NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Common Loon	April	1F	1 Alleghany Reservoir	Elderkin
	"	8	2 Cuba Lake	Burtons
	"	23	20 Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover and Evangola State Park (flying overhead)	Schaffner, Clark
	"	30	14 Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle
D.-cr. Cormorant	"	30F	1 Pinehurst	Andrle, Clark, Schaffner
* Green Heron	"	26F	1 Emery Park, East Aurora	Klabundes
	"	28	1 Belmont	Burtons
	"	28	1 Burgeson Sanct.	Pillsbury
	"	28	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse
* <u>Cattle Egret</u>	"	21F, 22	1 Near Frewsburg	Elderkins, et al
	"	21	1 Frissell Rd., Town of Kiantone	Sundell
* Great Egret	"	20	1 4-Mile Creek Park, Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	21	1 State Rd., Town of Newstead	Frank
	"	22, 29	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Heck

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Bl.-cr. Night Heron April	16F	12 Niagara Falls	Klabundes
"	18	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	26	70 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Amer. Bittern	23	1 East Eden Pond	Bourne
"	25	1 Tifft Nature Preserve	Andrle, et al.
Whistling Swan	1,20	26,56 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
"	1,8,23	17,11,57 Cuba Lake, Marsh	Burtens
"	12	19 Conservation Pond, Mayville	Pillsbury
"	18	5 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Thill
"	20	11 Iroquois, Tonawanda Re- fuges	Schaffner, Clark
"	30	5 Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle
Canada Goose	" 10;17;28	37,600; 17,700; 30,600 Iroquois NWR	Morse
*Barnacle Goose	12F	1 Casey Rd., Iroquois NWR	Sundell, et al.
White-fronted Goose	14	2 Iroquois NWR (County Line Dike)	Morse
Snow Goose (white phase)	12	2 Shelbyville	Sundell, et al.
"	16	3 Iroquois NWR, Oak Orchard GMA	Pillsbury
"	26	2 Iroquois NWR	Andrles
Snow Goose (blue phase)	12	1 Casey Rd., Iroquois NWR	Sundell, et al.
"	16	2 Iroquois NWR and Oak Orchard GMA	Pillsbury
"	26	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrles
Gadwall	27	8 Burgeson Sanctuary	Sundell
Northern Shoveler	14	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
"	15	6 Swamp Rd., Randolph	Elderkin
"	27	4 Port Maitland, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	30	1 East Eden Pond	Bourne
White-w. Scoter	15	6 Allegheny Reservoir	Elderkin
"	18	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Ruddy Duck	8	5 Cuba Lake	Burtens
Hooded Merganser	14	60 Findley Lake	Elderkin
Turkey Vulture	8	4 Over Hamburg	Andrle
(migratory reports)	9	38 Youngstown	Klarundes
"	10	16 Youngstown	Klabundes
"	10	6 Over North Buffalo	Andrle, Byron
"	12	15 Youngstown	Klabundes
"	23	10 Youngstown	Klabundes
"	26	4 Over Hamburg	Andrle
Sharp-sh. Hawk	14	13 Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover	Schaffner, Clark
	15,16,18,20,22	6,4,14,5,9 Youngstown	Klabundes

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Sharp-sh. Hawk	April	22	104	Ft. Niagara State Park	Thill, Pratt
"	"	23	40	Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	23	114	Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	23	56	Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover	Andrle
"	"	24, 27	5, 58	Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	27	19	Over Irving	Andrles
"	"	28, 29	76, 4	Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	29	33	Ft. Niagara State Park	Thill
"	"	29	12	Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	30	240	Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle
"	"	30	6	Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	10-30	1-3	At various times at Youngstown Iroquois NWR, Happ, Burtons, Belmont, Alfred	Klabundes, Morse, Brooks,
Cooper's Hawk	"	6	1	Point Abino, Ont.	Cole
"	"	10, 27, 28	1, 1, 2	Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	19	1	Near Allegheny Reservoir	Pillsbury
"	"	20	1	Tifft Nature Preserve, Buffalo	Andrles
"	"	22	1	Town of Almond	Burtons
"	"	23	2	Evangola State Park	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	27	1	Spring Brook	Danners
"	"	29	1	Ft. Niagara State Park	Thill
"	"	30	4	Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle
Red-tailed Hawk (migratory reports)	9, 10, 12, 14, 23	5, 25, 15, 4, 62	Youngstown	Klabundes	
"	"	23	18	Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	27, 28, 29	4, 4, 5	Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	30	29	Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle
Red-should. Hawk	"	1-30	1-4	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	6	1	Town of Ft. Erie	Cole
"	9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 22	2, 4, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1	Youngstown	Klabundes	
"	"	23, 27, 29	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	14-29	1	with N Town of Birdsall	Burtons
*Broad-wing. Hawk	"	12F, 14	1, 12	Beaver Meadow Center	Bigelow
"	"	14-30	1, 2-4	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	22, 23, 28, 29	13, 72, 5, 6	Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	23	71	Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover	Andrles
"	"	23	114	Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover and Evangola State Park	Schaffner, Clark

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* Broad-wing. Hawk	April	26	32 Over Hamburg	Andrles
	"	27	129 Over Irving	Andrles
	"	29	90 Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover	Schaffner, Clark
	"	29	92 Davies State Park, Lewiston	Thill
	"	30	5545 Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle
	"	18-30	1-2 Lake View, Iroquois NWR, Almond, Birdsall, New Hudson, Youngstown, Alfred	Bourne, Heck, Burtons, Klabundes, Klingensmith
Rough-leg. Hawk	"	1	1 Town of New Hudson	Burtons
	"	9	1 Between Frewsburg & Busti	Elderkin
	"	10,15,23,28	2,1,13,1 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	17	1 Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover	Schaffner, Clark
	"	22	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	23	1 Evangola State Park	Schaffner, Clark
	"	29	5 Ft. Niagara State Park	Thill
* Bald Eagle	"	7F	1 ad. Allegheny Reservoir	Rd. Elderkins
	"	13	1 imm. Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Marsh Hawk (migratory reports)	"	23	7 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	30	14 Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle
* Osprey	"	15	2 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
	"	21	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
	"	22	1 Burgeson Sanct., Frewsburg	Elderkin
	"	23	1 Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover	Andrles
	"	25	1 Lyndonville	Smith
	"	26	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrles
	"	26	2 Over Hamburg	Andrles
	"	27	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	27,28,29	1 Belmont	Burtons
	"	28	1 Foster Lake	Brooks
	"	30	34 Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle
* Peregrine Falcon	"	1F	1 Between Frewsburg, Busti	Elderkin
Amer. Kestrel	"	8	10 Alfred	Brooks
(migratory reports)	"	23	18 Evangola State Park	Schaffner, Clark
	"	30	19 Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle

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Turkey	April	6	1 Route 77, Darien,	Happ, Feldman
	"	7	5 Quaker Area, Allegany State Park	Elderkin
	"	9, 10	3, 1 Alfred	Brooks
	"	14; 22; 23	6; 4; 1 Towns of Ward, Almond, New Hudson	Burtens
	"	25	1 Town of Amity	V. Pitzrick
* Virginia Rail	"	27F	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
* Sora	"	30F	1 Burgeson Sanct., Frewsburg	Elderkin
* Common Gallinule	"	26	1 Swallow Hollow, Iroquois NWR	Happ, Feldman
	"	28	3 Iroquois NWR	Morse
* Common Snipe	"	1	4 Belvidere	Burtens
* Upland Sandpiper	"	23F	3 Allegany Rd., Town of Hanover	Andrles
Spotted Sandpiper	"	21	1 Burgeson Sanct., Frewsburg	Pillsbury
	"	21	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	22	2 Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Culver
* Solitary Sandpiper	"	21F	1 Carlberg Rd., Frewsburg	Elderkins
	"	22	2 Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Culver
	"	23	1 Town of New Hudson	Burtens
* Greater Yellowlegs	"	1	5 Riverside Rd., Frewsburg	Elderkin
* Lesser Yellowlegs	"	19F	4 Riverside Rd., Kiantone	Pillsbury
	"	20	1 Lancaster	McKales
* Pectoral Sandpiper	"	28	35 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
Dunlin	"	29F	1 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle, Clark
* Semipalm. Sandpiper	"	22F	1 Squaw Island, Buffalo	Andrle, Clark
Glaucous Gull	"	6	2 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle
	"	18, 20, 25	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Thill
	"	27	4 Mohawk Island, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	28	1 Donnelly's Pier, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
Iceland Gull	"	20	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrles
	"	26	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	27	2 Mohawk Island, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	29	1 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle, Thill
Gr. Black-b. Gull	"	27	44 Mohawk Island, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Little Gull	"	27	1 Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
* Bonaparte's Gull	"	6	500 Point Abino, Ont.	Cole
* Common Tern	"	18F	5 Niagara Falls	Klabundes
	"	20	2 Grand Island	Foster, et al.
	"	18F, 25	9, 14 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
* Caspian Tern	"	27F	1, 1 Rockhouse Point, Mohawk Island, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark

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* Black Tern	April	29F	8 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Snowy Owl	"	4,9	1 Sheridan Golf Course, Tonawanda	Thill, Pratt
Long-eared Owl	"	6	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	27	1 with N Burgeson Sanct.	Sundell
* Short-eared Owl	"	3	2 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
* Chimney Swift	"	30F	4 North Buffalo	Wilcove
Pileated Wdpkr.	"	28	1 Strickler Rd., Town of Clarence	Happ
Red-bellied Wdpkr.	"	29	2 Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	"	10F	1 Hamburg	Foster
	"	15	2 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Blk.-bkd. 3-Toed Wdpkr.	"	27L	1 Buffalo	Wilcove
* Eastern Kingbird	"	30F	5 Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle
Horned Lark (E .a. alpestris)	"	6	6 Newstead	McKales
	"	13L	150 Griffin Lane, Elma	Danner
* Bank Swallow	"	19F	3 Burgeson Sanc., Frewsburg	Pillsbury
	"	21	5 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Thompson
* Rough-w. Swallow	"	15F	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	19	2 Clymer Center	Pillsbury
* Barn Swallow	"	18	2 Iroquois NWR	Heck
	"	20	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrles
* Cliff Swallow	"	28F	3 Langford	Bourne
	"	30	3 Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrle
* Purple Martin	"	12F	2 Iroquois NWR	Sundell, et al.
	"	16	2 Iroquois NWR	Pillsbury
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-30	2 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	6	2 Point Abino, Ont.	Cole
	"	12	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	20	1 Pendleton	McKales
	"	22	1 Town of Birdsall (excavating hole)	Burtens
	"	25	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
* House Wren	"	24F	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
Carolina Wren	"	1-30	2 Spring Brook (f)	Danner
	"	2,3,20,21	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	6	2 Point Abino, Ont.	Cole
	"	25	1 Athol Springs	Bourne
* Catbird	"	19	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Brown Thrasher	"	5F	1 UB Campus, Amherst	Happ
	"	8	1 Lewiston-Kiwanis Park	Klabundes
Hermit Thrush	"	8	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck
Eastern Bluebird	"	1,8	1,3 Beaver Meadow Center	Bigelow
	"	1-31	1-6 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
	"	8	1 Alfred	Underhill, fide Brooks

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Eastern Bluebird	April	8	1 Oak Hill, near Frewsburg	Elderkin
"	"	10	1 Hamburg	Foster
"	"	14-29	1-3 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	22	1 Town of Birdsall	Burtens
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	"	10F	1 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	17	3 Hamburg	Foster
Water Pipit	"	6	1 Iroquois NWR	Happ, Feldman
"	"	7	3 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	8	2 Randolph	Elderkin
Northern Shrike	"	8	1 Near Jasper	Brooks
* Loggerhead Shrike	"	12F	1 Pierce Run, Nr. Allegheny Reservoir	Elderkin
"	"	19	1 Hamburg	Bourne
* Solitary Vireo	"	29F	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	30	2 Near Frewsburg	Pillsbury
* Black-&-white Warbler	"	21F	1 Burgeson Sanct. Frewsburg	Pillsbury
* Nashville Warbler	"	30F	2 Spring Brook	Danner
* Yellow Warbler	"	24F	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	30	3 Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark, Andrie
"	"	30	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
Yellow-r. Warbler	"	4, 5	2 Lewiston (wintering birds)	Klabundes
"	"	6F	1 Point Abino, Ont.	Cole
"	"	6F	1 Hamburg	Andries
"	"	19	5 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
* Bl.-thr. Green Warbler	"	21F, 23	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo	Frank
"	"	26	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo	Wilcove
* Palm Warbler	"	27F	1 Town of Scio	Burtens
* Ovenbird	"	30F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
* Northern Waterthrush	"	25F	2 Allegany State Park	Pillsbury
"	"	26	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
* Louisiana Waterthrush	"	30F	1 Sawmill Run, Near Frewsburg	Pillsbury
* Yellowthroat	"	23F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
* Bobolink	"	30F	1 Pinehurst	Schaffner, Clark
* Scarlet Tanager	"	19F	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Elderkin, Pillsbury
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-20	4-9 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	1-30	30-75 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	1-30	up to 37 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	1-30	4-20 Amity Lake (f)	Pitzricks
"	"	2, 25, 26, 27	15, 6, 20, 6 Alfred	Klingensmith
* House Finch	"	16, 23-25	2, 1 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	22	2 Hamburg	Foster

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Common Redpoll	April	10,11L	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
Pine Siskin	"	2	1 Belmont	Burtions
	"	9	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	28	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
	"	29	2 Hamburg	Bourne
Red Crossbill	"	28	1 Hamburg (f)	Skrzypek
Rufous-s. Towhee	"	5F	1 Amity Lake (f)	Pitzricks
	"	6	1 Point Abino, Ont.	Cole
Savannah Sparrow	"	1	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
*LeConte's Sparrow	"	6	1 Belvidere	Smalleys
Vesper Sparrow	"	3F	4 Belmont	Burtions
	"	4	1 Hamburg	Foster,
	"			Skrzypek
	"	4	2 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Chipping Sparrow	"	10F	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	17	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	"	6F	6 Point Abino, Ont.	Cole
	"	19	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
Swamp Sparrow	"	11F	1 Alfred	Chapman fide
	"			Brooks
	"	25	3 Town of Amity	V. Pitzrick
	"	25	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Lapland Longspur	"	6L	1 Town of Shelby	McKales
Snow Bunting	"	6	50 County Rd., Clarence	Happ
	"	12L	200-250 Griffin Lane, Elma	Danner

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . 133

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 45

Total for year . . . . . 178

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Report of APRIL BIRD COUNT

Date: April 13, 1975

Compilers: Robert and Eileen Hull

Weather: Temperatures varied from 10°F to 38°F. Winds were 5 to 15 mph.  
Snow squalls occurred intermittently with occasional sunny periods.

Territories: 2, 4, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28 were not covered on April 13.

Comments: A heavy snowfall began early, Friday, April 4, and the storm continued into Saturday. With more snow predicted, and driving already hazardous, a decision was made by the Society on Saturday to postpone the count from Sunday, April 6, to Sunday, April 13. Although April counts have been held as late as April 17, the compilers believe this was the first time in B.O.S. history that an April count needed to be postponed on



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short notice, due to a storm.

Other commitments as well as the difficulty of contacting large numbers of observers on short notice prevented the count postponement in seven territories. Territories 4, 19, 25, 26, 27, and 28 were, therefore, covered on April 6. It was learned storm conditions were less severe in these areas. Over 150 observers recorded 100 Species and 61,824 Individuals on this date. Although these April 6 reports are not included in the April 13 Count, they are being retained in the B.O.S. files for permanent record.

The validity of a 'numbers comparison' of species and individuals of this count with previous counts may be questioned. However, certain records in this count are significant, when compared with count records that date from 1936. These include

Great Blue Heron (195) High - previous High (244) in 1942  
White-fronted Goose (3) - first record in an April count  
Ring-necked Duck (768) All Time High - previous High (646) in 1939  
Hooded Merganser (338) All Time High - previous High (312) in 1971  
Turkey Vulture (79) All Time High - previous High (74) in 1971  
Carolina Wren (18) All Time High - previous High (8) in 1974

\* New Species for year

Note: Numbers in parenthesis following individual totals indicate where species was observed in 3 or less territories.

SPECIES

Loons - Mergansers

Common Loon	13
Horned Grebe	184
Pied-billed Grebe	73
Great Blue Heron	195
Great Egret	1 (22)
American Bittern	1 (23)
Whistling Swan	146
Canada Goose	35,113
Snow Goose	2 (10)
* White-Fronted Goose	3 (10)
Mallard	824
Black Duck	332
Gadwall	11 (5,21,23)
Pintail	453

Loons - Mergansers (cont.)

Green-w. Teal	100
Blue-w. Teal	245
American Widgeon	920
Shoveler	14
Wood Duck	129
Redhead	480
Ring-necked Duck	768
Canvasback	853
Greater Scaup	1,984
Lesser Scaup	1,376
Unident. Scaup	96
Common Goldeneye	419
Bufflehead	1,045
Oldsquaw	33

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SPECIES

Loons - Mergansers

White-w. Scoter	28
Ruddy Duck	5 (11,20,21)
Hooded Merganser	338
Common Merganser	618
Red-br. Merganser	253

Vultures - Rails

Turkey Vulture	79
Sharp-sh. Hawk	5
Cooper's Hawk	5
Red-tailed Hawk	166
Red-should. Hawk	9
Rough-leg. Hawk	36
Marsh Hawk	29
Osprey	2 (23)
American Kestrel	209
Ruffed Grouse	15
Ring-n. Pheasant	90
Turkey	13 (14,17,18)
Common Gallinule	1 (7)
American Coot	131

Shorebirds

Killdeer	376
Amer. Woodcock	13
Common Snipe	47
* Spotted Sandpiper	1 (14)
Greater Yellowlegs	2 (14,23)
Pectoral Sandpiper	1 (23)

Jaegers - Owls

Gr. Black-b. Gull	55
Thayer's Gull	1,178
Ring-billed Gull	13,379
Bonaparte's Gull	186
Rock Dove	574

Jaegers - Owls, cont.

Mourning Dove	428
Screech Owl	3 (12,13)
Great Horned Owl	8 (8,13,15)
Snowy Owl	1 (5)
Barred Owl	4 (20,24)
Long-eared Owl	2 (6,23)
Short-eared Owl	2 (13)

Whip-poor-wills - Creepers

Belted Kingfisher	48
Common Flicker	62
Pileated Woodpecker	8
Red-bellied Woodpecker	10
Red-headed Woodpecker	2 (3, 12)
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	2 (7)
Hairy Woodpecker	49
Downy Woodpecker	193
Eastern Phoebe	16
Horned Lark	
<u>E.a. alpestris</u>	3 (10)
<u>E.a. praticola</u>	391
Tree Swallow	429
Barn Swallow	2 (20)
Purple Martin	17 (20,21)
Blue Jay	434
Common Crow	1,287
Black-c. Chickadee	471
Tufted Titmouse	11 (8,12,23)
White-br. Nuthatch	107
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8
Brown Creeper	27

Wrens - Vireos

Winter Wren	16
Carolina Wren	18
Mockingbird	5 (1,3)
Gray Catbird	2 (14)
Brown Thrasher	1 (14)

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SPECIES

Wrens - Vireos, cont.

American Robin	7,390
Eastern Bluebird	20
Golden-cr. Kinglet	93
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	3 (1,14,24)
Water Pipit	102 (14)
Cedar Waxwing	304
Northern Shrike	2 (15,20)
Loggerhead Shrike	1 (6)
Starling	35,463

Warblers - House Sparrows

Yellow-rumped Warb.	1 (8)
House Sparrow	3,102

Icterids - Fringillids

E. Meadowlark	273
Red-w. Blackbird	16,590
Rusty Blackbird	216
Common Grackle	15,935
Brown-h. Cowbird	2,151

Icterids - Fringillids, cont.

Cardinal	270
Evening Grosbeak	465
Purple Finch	70
Common Redpoll	10 (3,12,15)
Pine Siskin	7 (7,14)
American Goldfinch	149
Rufous-s. Towhee	5 (6,8,23)
Savannah Sparrow	21
Vesper Sparrow	16
Dark-eyed Junco	764
Tree Sparrow	670
Chipping Sparrow	3 (7,14,23)
Field Sparrow	11
White-cr. Sparrow	7 (3,8)
White-thr. Sparrow	42
Fox Sparrow	10
Swamp Sparrow	10
Song Sparrow	1,521

TOTALS

Species 125

Individuals 153,421

We wish to express our appreciation to the section compilers and observers listed below, as well as to the compilers and many observers who participated on April 6.

TERRITORIES and OBSERVERS (names of compilers are underlined)

1. Fonthill, Ontario	<u>Ralph E. Gardiner</u> , Denys R. Gardiner, Ronald T. Gardiner
2. Thorold, Ontario	Not covered.
3. Wilson, N.Y.	<u>Walter Klabunde</u> , Harriett Klabunde, Connie Hendershot
4. Middleport, N.Y.	Not covered.

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Territories and observers, cont.

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| 5.  | Oak Orchard, N.Y.       | <u>P. Schwartz</u> , B. Vaughn, B. Minsley  |
| 6.  | Port Maitland, Ont.     | <u>J. Thill</u>   |
| 7.  | Lowbanks, Ontario       | <u>Clarence Rote</u> , Arlene Rote, Sheldon Merritt,<br>Alice McKale, Willard McKale  |
| 8.  | Fort Erie, Ont.         | <u>R. M. Wagner</u> , Jane Cole   |
| 9.  | Grand Island, N.Y.      | <u>Harold Freund</u>  |
| 10. | Akron, N.Y.             | <u>David Wilcove</u> , Neil Goodman, Brian Lewandowski,<br>Robert Off, Joseph Stein   |
| 11. | Buffalo, N.Y.           | <u>Richard Byron</u>  |
| 12. | Lancaster, N.Y.         | <u>Margaret and Marie Wendling</u> , Ann Bauer, Ima Bill,<br>Dorothy and Fred Danner, Ray Franz, Nellie Karlak,<br>Gladys Newton, Edna Thurston, Gertrude Webster,<br>Cy Wolfling.  |
| 13. | Batavia, N.Y.           | <u>Jane and Max Mason</u> , Russel and Norma Annabal, George<br>Buckland, Harold and Barbara Dodge, Ronald<br>Calantonio, Don Thureau, Richard and Marge Pixley,<br>Kathryn M. Pixley, George Mahaney, Gordon Salway                            |
| 14. | Hamburg, N.Y.           | <u>Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Bourne</u> , Dr. and Mrs. Robert Leonard,<br>Dr. Robert Andrie, Joseph Hauser, Marcy Foster, Mrs.<br>Lynn Rochester, Mrs. Polly Pruss, Mrs. Patricia Firey,<br>Mrs. Helen Creighton, Bob and Ev Mauser, Adelaide<br>Hunley |
| 15. | Java, N.Y.              | <u>David Bigelow</u> , Dee Bigelow, Robert Tannehill, Peter<br>Carr, Clifford Stroke, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips,<br>Paul Lazarus, Jr., Mrs. Paul Lazarus, Sr., Arthur and<br>Olga Rosche, Mrs. Sheldon Black.                                  |
| 16. | Angola, N.Y.            | <u>Richard Stevenson</u> , Gretchen Stevenson   |
| 17. | Cattaraugus, N.Y.       | <u>Elma Bowen</u> , Gertrude Ruggles, Wilma Csont   |
| 18. | Delevan, N.Y.           | <u>Blake and Marilyn Reeves</u>   |
| 19. | Fillmore, N.Y.          | Not covered.  |
| 20. | Dunkirk, N.Y.           | <u>Frances Rew</u> , Audrey Horbett   |
| 21. | Cherry Creek, N.Y.      | <u>Robert Sundell</u> , Clarence Beal, Corl Belknap,<br>Grace Christy, Flora Elderkin, Calla Freeman,<br>Jennie Freeman, Nick Funicello, Laura Keller,<br>Carol Roby  |
| 22. | Sherman, N.Y.           | <u>Robert Sundell</u> , Mrs. Harvey Bensink, Allen and<br>Margaret Findlay, Russell and Elizabeth Pillsbury   |
| 23. | Frewsburg, N.Y.         | <u>Robert Sundell</u> , Corl Belknap, Richard Bohall,<br>Isabelle Bond, Geraldine Caswell, Annabelle Hiller,<br>Laura Keller, Stephen Maggio, Archie Richardson, Paula<br>and Chris Voell   |
| 24. | Allegany St. Park, N.Y. | <u>Doug Happ</u> , Bernie Feldman   |
| 25. | Allegany, N.Y.          | Not covered.  |
| 26. | Cuba Reservoir, N.Y.    | Not covered   |

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27. Bolivar, N.Y. Not covered.  
28. Alfred, N.Y. Not covered.

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#### FIELD TRIP - SOUTH SHORE

On April 19th, despite stiff winds with gusts of over 50 mph, thirty members of the Buffalo Audubon and Buffalo Ornithological Societies gathered for a Spring trip along the south shore of Lake Erie. We stopped first at the Lakeside Cemetery in Hamburg where we found some respite from the winds in the wooded area and turned up good numbers of Golden-crowned Kinglets, Brown Creepers and Juncos. We also saw several Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, a Winter Wren, a Hermit Thrush and a flock of Cedar Waxwings feeding on Highbush Cranberry. Proceeding to the Lake Shore, we were able to observe from the cliff at Pinehurst large rafts of Greater Scaup riding the whitecaps.

On the lawns at the Erie County Water Works at Sturgeon Point there were several species of sparrows, many killdeer and, in a brushy field, a Loggerhead Shrike. Around the buildings at Wendt Park we found our first Phoebe and a small flock of White-throated Sparrows, but it was impossible to hear anything over the wind in the woods along the Lake or to see anything on water.

Although water was flowing over the pier at Dunkirk, we parked there to eat our lunches and to enjoy watching the effect of the windstorm on the waters. Ducks were absent from the harbor but there were three species of gulls, a few Common Terns and several coot..A number of early migrants found shelter in the heavy tangles of the Canadaway Creek Nature Sanctuary and we were pleased to see Brown Thrasher, Towhee, Winter Wrens, White-crowned and Field Sparrows as well as the usual permanent residents. On the way home we stopped at the Thruway Pond at Dunkirk and picked up several species of waterfowl including Whistling Swan, American Wigeon, Blue-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Pied-billed Grebe and one Common Gallinule. As we were about ready to leave, a Caspian Tern flew over the pond and circled several times before heading in the direction of the lake. That morning I thought we would be fortunate to see as many as 25 species and think it remarkable that we observed 52 species.

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NOTES

Request For Participants - International Shorebird Surveys

Shorebird survey schemes initiated in the Maritime Provinces of Canada and in part of the eastern U.S. in 1974 have provided valuable information concerning shorebird migration and for identifying and documenting regions of major importance. In 1975 we plan to extend this scheme to as many areas as possible - including eastern Canada and the U.S., the Caribbean Islands and northern South America. Observers who might be able to participate in regular census surveys during the spring and autumn migration periods as well as in places where shorebirds winter, are asked to contact one of the following: (1) for areas in Canada - R.I.G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, KIA OH3; (2) for areas in the U.S., Caribbean Islands and South America - Brian A. Harrington, Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345, U.S.A.

Request For Information - Shorebird Color-Marking

In 1975 the Canadian Wildlife Service plans to carry out extensive banding and color-marking of shorebirds in James Bay and the Maritime Provinces in eastern Canada by means of colored leg bands and feather dyes. Observers throughout eastern North America are asked to look out for any such birds and record details of: species, place, date, details of color marks or bands, which leg the colored and standard metal leg bands were on, the colors involved, and the relative position of the bands if more than one was on a leg (e.g. right leg, red above blue, etc.) For color-dyed birds, record the color and part of the bird that was dyed. Details should be sent to Dr. R.I.G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, KIA OH3,

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The Society is pleased to welcome the following new associate members.

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PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's club room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

Program to be announced

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

July 27th      Old Times Beach      in Buffalo Harbor and the north shore of Lake Erie for migrating shorebirds. We will meet at Old Times Beach, where the mud flats are especially productive at this season at 7:30 a.m. Old Times Beach may be reached by driving south on Michigan Avenue until reaching the barrier at the lift bridge and detouring around Ohio Street to Furhmann Boulevard. Proceed north on old Furhmann Boulevard, west of the Skyway, to just before the entrance Coast Guard Station where our leaders, Harriette and Walter Klabunde will be waiting. Call the leaders at 754-4424 for further details.

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## THE MONTH

In pleasant contrast to April, May was warm and sunny with considerably above average temperatures predominating in the area for the last ten days of the month. Average temperature for the month was  $62.1^{\circ}$ , 7 degrees above normal for the period, with the high reading of  $87^{\circ}$  recorded on the 22nd. Precipitation measured 3.31 inches, 0.34 inches above the norm. (Meteorological data as recorded at the Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

As perusal of the noteworthy records will indicate, birders enjoyed another excellent migration month. Times Beach in Buffalo Harbor, which has become a favorite haunt of some local birders, appears to offer optimum conditions for feeding and resting to attract large numbers of waterfowl and shorebirds. An adult Laughing Gull in breeding plumage was seen there by several observers during the second week of May. On the 29th, a trip to Mohawk Island in Lake Erie offshore from Rock Point Provincial Park, to census the breeding gull population brought observations of 35 Greater Black-backed Gulls. However, there was no evidence of breeding activity on the part of these birds. Two late Glaucous Gulls were also observed at this time.

The outstanding ornithological event of the month was the netting and banding of a Swainson's Warbler by Archie Richardson at the Burgeson Sanctuary south of Frewsburg in Chautauqua County on May 13th. It is the first record for our study area and, apparently, for the state outside of the New York City region. The banding activities at the Burgeson Sanctuary conducted by Mr. Richardson and his associates have proved most valuable in establishing the occurrence of wandering passerines of more southerly distribution in this area. (see Prothonotary vol. 39:6, page 61). Another southern species, the Blue Grosbeak, was seen by many observers on the campus of the State University College at Fredonia from the 12th through the

16th. Photographs of the bird taken by several observers are awaited to establish the first verified record of the species in our study area.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	May	29L	1 Mohawk Island, Ont.	Andrle, et al
Horned Grebe	"	30L	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Goldstick, Harrington
D.-cr. Cormorant	"	7	2 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen, Thompson
	"	10	2 Off LaSalle Park, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	29	2 Mohawk Island, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Great Egret	"	1,2	2 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury, Elderkin
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	"	3	1 Shadagee Rd., Eden	Bourne
	"	5,8	1,1 Delaware Park, Buffalo	Happ, Harrington
	"	5	1 Tift Farm, Nature Preserve	Happ, Harrington
	"	8	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
*Least Bittern	"	9,10F	2 Tift Farm Nature Preserve	Happ, Harrington
	"	23	4 Tift Farm Nature Preserve	Rew, Schwartz, Ulrich
	"	28	1 Mud Lake, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
Whistling Swan	"	8,9	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Elderkin, Pillsbury
Canada Goose	"	1	11 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	7	10,850 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	8	20 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Elderkin
Gadwall	"	<u>25</u>	1 Port Colborne, Ont.	Wagner
	"	<u>26</u>	8 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>28</u>	2 Stromness, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
	"	<u>29</u>	8 Mohawk Island, Ont.	Andrle, et al.

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Green-w. Teal	May	20-30	1-2 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	26	4 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
American Wigeon	"	14,28	2,6 Times Beach, Buffalo	Freeland
	"	28	3 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	29	15 Mohawk Island, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Redhead	"	25	5 Mud Lake, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	28	8 Mud Lake, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
Ring-necked Duck	"	5L	2 Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Happ,
				Harrington
Lesser Scaup	"	5	3 Alfred	Klingensmith
Bufflehead	"	15	2 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	16	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Happ, Harrington
Ruddy Duck	"	4	6 Burntship Creek, Grand Island	Klabundes
	"	6	6 Delaware Park Lake, Buffalo	Harrington
	"	20	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	25	1 Mud Lake, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	25L	1 Port Weller, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Red-br. Merganser	:	11	1 UB Pond, Amherst	Happ
Turkey Vulture	"	10	12 Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
	"	11	2 Forest Lawn Cemetery	Happ, Harrington
	"	28	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	29	4 Long Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	2	3 Town of Clarence	Wagner
	"	3	13 Over Pinehurst	Andrle, Hauser
	"	3	16 Over Allegany Rd.	Andrle, Hauser
	"	3,5	112,12 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	28	1 Alfred	Brooks
	"	29	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	31	1 Belmont	Burtens
	"	31	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Cooper's Hawk	"	3	3 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	7	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	16	1 Town of Hamburg	Bourne
Broad-wing. Hawk	"	1	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery	Happ, Harrington
	1,2,3,7,10,23,28	1,2,4,1,2,1,1	Alfred	Brooks
	"	2	12 Over Town of Clarence	Wagner
	"	3	14 Over Pinehurst	Andrle, Hauser
	"	3	25 Over Allegany Rd.	Andrle, Hauser
	"	10	36 Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
	"	13	1 Town of Alma	Burtens
	"	3	7 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	4,10	1 Amity Lake, Wiscoy	Pitzricks
Bald Eagle	"	6	1 imm. Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
	"	20	1 imm. Hickox Rd., Hamburg	Bourne
Osprey	"	2,6;3	1,1;1 Amity Lake; Wiscoy	Pitzricks
	"	3,9,10	11,20L,1 Iroquois NWR	Morses
	"	4	1 Grand Island	Klabundes

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Osprey	May	5	1 Town of Amity	Burtens
	"	9	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Elderkin
	"	10	1 Over Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
Turkey	"	3	2 Amity	V. Pitzrick
	"	9,28	1,1 Chestnut Ridge Park	Bourne
	"	28	1 Town of Almond	Burtens
Virginia Rail	"	1	3 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Elderkin
	"	1	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck
	"	23	1 Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Rew, Schwartz, Ulrich
Sora	"	1	2 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Elderkin
*Semipalm. Plover	"	15F	11 Times Beach, Buffalo	Happ,Harrington
*Black-bell. Plover	"	11F	1 Erie Beach,Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	14	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Freeland
*Ruddy Turnstone	"	10F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Happ,Harrington
	"	28	58 Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
Upland Sandpiper	"	15	1 Old Nike Base, Hamburg	Bourne
*Red Knot	"	25F	1 Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Wagner
	"	26	2 Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Happ
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	10	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Happ,Harrington
*Least Sandpiper	"	9F	4 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Dunlin	"	5	4 Times Beach, Buffalo	Happ,Harrington
*Short-b. Dowitcher	"	10F	2 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Semipalm. Sandpiper	"	19	5 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	26	92 Tonawanda WMA	Andrle, et al.
Glaucous Gull	"	29	2 Mohawk Island, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Gr. Black-b. Gull	"	25,28	3,5 Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
	"	29	35 Mohawk Island, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
* <u>Laughing Gull</u>	"	5F	1 (adult) Times Beach, Buffalo	Happ,Harrington
	"	6	1 (adult) Times Beach Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	8	1 (imm.) Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Little Gull	"	11	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Caspian Tern	"	1-11	1-4 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Black Tern	"	7	1 Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Andrle, et al.
*Yellow-b. Cuckoo	"	22	2 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne
	"	24	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
*Black-b. Cuckoo	"	8F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	20	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
*Whip-poor-will	"	4F	1 BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
*Common Nighthawk	"	10F	2 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	14	1 Hamburg	Bourne

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*Ruby-t. Hummingbird	May	8F	2 Forest Lawn Cemetery	Harrington
"	"	8F	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
"	"	9	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	9	1 Iroquois NWR	Thompson fide Morse
"	"	9	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
Red-bellied Wdpkr.	"	11	1 Wiscoy	M. Pitzrick
"	"	31	1 Iroquois NWR	Goldstick, et al.
Red-headed Wdpkr.	"	2	3 Point Gratiot	Rew, Frank, Schwartz
"	"	9,10,11	2 Forest Lawn Cemetery	Happ, Harrington
"	"	11,12	2,1 Wiscoy, Amity Lake	Pitzricks
"	"	13	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	13	1 Town of Amity	Burtens
"	"	15	2 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
"	"	26	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
"	"	27	1 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Skrzypek
Eastern Kingbird	"	3	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	3	1 UB Campus, Amherst	Happ
*Gr.-Crest. Flycatcher	"	2F	1 Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	2F	1 Canadaway Creek Sanct.	Rew, Frank, Schwartz
"	"	2F	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	3	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Yellow-b. Flycatcher	"	23	1 Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Rew, Schwartz, Ulrich
"	"	23	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery	Wilcove
"	"	24	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery	Wendling, Wilcox, et al.
*Willow Flycatcher	"	14F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Freeland
"	"	20	1 Near Chestnut Ridge Pk.	Bourne
"	"	20	1 Busti	Pillsbury
*Alder Flycatcher	"	20F	1 Hickox Rd., Eden	Bourne
"	"	24	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	24	2 Clymer	Pillsbury
*Least Flycatcher	"	2F	1 Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Andrle, et al.
"	"	2F	2 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
"	"	3	2 Delaware Park, Buffalo	McKales, et al.
*E. Wood Pewee	"	9F	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	19	1 Spring Brook	Danner
*Olive-s. Flycatcher	"	11F	1 Wiscoy	Pitzricks
"	"	20	1 Town of Birdsall	Burtens
"	"	30	1 Boston Valley Con- servation Soc.	Bourne
"	"	30	1 Allegany State Park	Pillsbury
"	"	23	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove

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Tufted Titmouse	May	1-31	1-2	Spring Brook	Danner
	"	12,29	1	BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	4,10	2	Alfred	Brooks
	"	5	1	Hamburg	Bourne
	"	10	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	13,18,24,29	1	Spring Brook	Danner
	"	20	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Harrington
Carolina Wren	"	1-31	2	Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	3	2	Irving	Andrle, et al.
	"	11	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Goodman
*Long-b. Marsh Wren	"	3F	1	Iroquois NWR	Heck
*Short-b. Marsh Wren	"	24F	1	Hickox Rd., Eden	Bourne
	"	26	1	Tonawanda WMA	Andrle, et al.
Mockingbird	"	16	1	Alfred	Brooks
	"	18	1	Town of Westfield	Thills
Gray Catbird	"	3	2	Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	3	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
*Wood Thrush	"	1F	2	Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Andrle, et al.
	"	2	1	Iroquois NWR	Heck
	"	2	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
*Swainson's Thrush	"	10F	1	Iroquois NWR	Heck
*Gray-ch. Thrush	"	15F	1	Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Happ, Harrington
	"	23	1	Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Rew, Schwartz, Ulrich
	"	29	1	Hamburg	Bourne
*Veery	"	1F	1	Delaware Pk., Buffalo	Harrington
	"	2	1	Canadaway Cr. Sanct.	Rew, Frank, Schwartz
	"	2	1	Bentley Sanctuary, Fluvanna	
	"	2	2	Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
	"	2	1	Youngstown	Klabundes
Eastern Bluebird	"	2,9	2	(at nest) Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	3-31	6	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	14	1	Delaware Park, Buffalo	Harrington
	"	23	2	Alfred	Brooks
	"	31	1	Town of Scio	Burtens
*Bl.gr. Gnatcatcher	"	1F,31	4,1	Spring Brook	Danner
	"	2	1	Point Gratiot	Rew, Frank, Schwartz
	"	3	3	UB Campus, Amherst	Happ
	"	3	2	Irving	Andrle, et al.
	"	4	1	Buckhorn Island State Park	Klabundes
	"	4,9,13	1,2,2	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	6	2	Iroquois NWR	Heck
	"	7	2	Allegheny Reservoir Rd.	Pillsbury
	"	22	1	Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne

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Golden-cr. Kinglet	May	26	4 Swallow Hollow, Iroquois NWR	McKales
Water Pipit	"	4	2 Town of Clarence	Wagner
	"	10	4 Town of Amity	Burtens
	"	14	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Freeland
*Yellow-thr. Vireo	"	7F	1 Allegany Reservoir Rd.	Pillsbury
	"	10	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
*Red-eyed Vireo	"	4F	1 BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
	"	11	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	11	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
*Philadelphia Vireo	"	8F	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
	"	12	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	13	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
	"	17-21	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	25	2 Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Wagner
*Warbling Vireo	"	2F	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	8	2 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
Black-&-White Warbler	"	1	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	1	2 Iroquois NWR	Heck
*Prothonotary Warbler	"	10F	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
	"	16	2 Iroquois NWR	Rew, Ulrich
	"	27	2 Sour Spring Rd., Iroquois NWR	Wilcove
	"	31	1 Iroquois NWR	Goldstick, et al.
*Swainson's Warbler	"	13F	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Elderkin, Pillsbury
(netted and photographed by bander, Richardson)				
*Golden-w. Warbler	"	10F	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Klabundes
	"	12	3 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
*Blue-w. Warbler	"	9F	1 Belmont	Burtens
	"	9	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
	"	10	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Klabundes
*Brewster's Warbler	"	15F-27	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Tennessee Warbler	"	10F	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
* <del>Orange-cr. Warbler</del>	"	12	2 Eggertsville	McKales
	"	12	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
*Orange-cr. Warbler	"	7F	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
	"	9	1 South Park, Buffalo	Rew
	"	16	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
Nashville Warbler	"	1	1 Spring Brook	Danner
*Parula Warbler	"	10F	1 Delaware Park, Buffalo	Happ, Harrington
	"	25	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	29	1 Allegany State Park	Pillsbury



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*Magnolia Warbler	May	8F	1 Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Andrle, et al.
	"	9	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
*Cape May Warbler	"	3F	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	8	1 Burgeson Sanctuary	
			Frewsburg	Pillsbury
*Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	"	5F	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	9	1 Alfred, Iroquois NWR, Buffalo, Clymer	Klingensmith, Heck Harrington, Pillsbury
Yellow-r. Warbler	"	28	3 Alfred	Brooks
*Cerulean Warbler	"	13F	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
	"	16	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse, Rebovich
*Blackburn. Warbler	"	5F	1 Near Frewsburg	Pillsbury
	"	6	2 Lewiston	Klabundes
*Chestnut-s. Warbler	"	3F	1,1 Delaware Park, Forest Lawn	Harrington, Happ
	"	4	1 Delaware Park, Buffalo Wilcove	
*Bay-br. Warbler	"	12F	15 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
	"	13	1 Town of Alma	Burtens
*Blackpoll Warbler	"	16F	1 Alfred	Brooks
	"	19	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
*Pine Warbler	"	20F	1 Allegheny Reservoir Rd.	Elderkin, Pillsbury
*Prairie Warbler	"	14F	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
Palm Warbler	"	1	1 Town of Hume	Burtens
Ovenbird	"	1	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Mourning Warbler	"	20	1 Alfred	Brooks
	"	25	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Yellowthroat	"	3	1 Clymer	Pillsbury
*Yellow-br. Chat	"	15F	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
	"	28	1 Chestnut Ridge Park	Bourne
	"	28	1 Wainfleet Bog., Ont.	Wagner, Filor
*Hooded Warbler	"	5F	1 Sawmill Run, near Frewsburg	Pillsbury, Elderkin
	"	28	2 Chestnut Ridge Park	Bourne
*Wilson's Warbler	"	5F	2 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Elderkin, Pillsbury
	"	12	1 Town of Amherst	Happ
*Canada Warbler	"	12F	1 BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
	"	13	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Pillsbury
Amer. Redstart	"	8F	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
	"	9	1 Tifft Farm Nature Pres.	Andrle, et al.
Bobolink	"	3	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
*Northern Oriole	"	5F	1 Town of Amity	Burtens
	"	5F	1 Hamburg	Bourne

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Rusty Blackbird	May	10	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery	Happ, Harrington
Scarlet Tanager	"	9	2 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
*Rose-br. Grosbeak	"	4F	1 Delaware Park	Harrington, Wilcove
	"	4F	1 Alfred	Brooks
	"	5	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
*Indigo Bunting	"	5F	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	8	1 Belmont	Burtens
Evening Grosbeak	"	1	5 Lakeview	Andrle, et al.
	"	1	8 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1-4	1-10 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	3	1 UB Campus, Amherst	Happ
	"	10	2 Beaver Meadow	Happ, Harrington
	"	2,3,9	19,5,1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	2-13L	40-1 Belmont	Burtens
Pine Siskin	"	5L	1 Hamburg (f)	Skrzypek
Grasshopper Sparrow	"	26	3 Town of Clarence	McKales
	"	30	1 Near Langford	Bourne
*Henslow's Sparrow	"	9F	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	12	1 Hickox Rd., Eden	Bourne
Tree Sparrow	"	1	1 Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
	"	1-7	6-2 Belmont	Burtens
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	"	20L	2 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	20L	2 Hamburg	Bourne
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	"	31	2 Alfred	Brooks
*Lincoln's Sparrow	"	1F	1 Tifft Farm Nature	
			Preserve	Happ, Harrington
	"	6,7	1 Hamburg	Andrle
	"	8	1 Burgeson Sanctuary,	
			Frewsburg	Pillsbury
	"	11	1 Town of Clarence	McKales
	"	14	1 Belmont (f)	Burtens
	"	18	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
	"	20	1 East Eden Pond	Bourne
	"	29L	1 Patchin	Skrzypek

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . .	179	<del>(including 4 on count)</del>
Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . .	63	(including 4 on count)
Total for year . . . . .	242	

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Report of B.O.S. May Bird Count - May 17 & 18, 1975  
compiled by Harriette and Walter Klabunde

Coverage: This was the second year two days were utilized for the count. A total of

264 observers were in the field in all 28 sections although three only had minimal coverage (#1,9 & 11). The weather on both days was excellent, although several observers thought that had the count been held three days earlier the count would have been phenomenal.

As it was 204 species plus 1 hybrid were reported. Unfortunately 6 species were not acceptable. We must again remind all observers that those species not included in the BOS Check List or those in small print will not be accepted without a verifying write-up. Also three more species outside the acceptable date limits also were reported without verification i.e., Pine Warbler, Prairie Warbler and Connecticut Warbler. We apologize for not having brought this to the attention of all leaders when sections were assigned. Until there is sufficient verifiable data on these species the dates as now defined in the "BOS. Date Guide" will be considered the acceptable limits without a write-up. The B.O.S. statisticians and research committee are requesting every ones cooperation in this matter so that they can revise the dates of those species which are not correctly defined for the entire B.O.S. territory.

For purposes of comparison with records of the past ten years the numbers of each species were divided into nine catagories as follows:

- H+ -26 species- the number recorded was the highest for the 10 years.
- H -15 species- the number was essentially equal to the high.
- H- - 9 species- second highest in the ten years.
- M+ -43 species- were in numbers above the normal for the ten years.
- M -43 species- were present in normal numbers.
- M- -32 species- were present in numbers below normal.
- L+ - 7 species- numbers were more than 10% above the ten year low.
- L -11 species- were present in numbers equal to the ten year low.
- L- -11 species- whose numbers were below the ten year low.

Of special interest are the all time highs and lows. Snowy Egret was recorded for the first time while the Saw-whet Owl was only recorded three other times in 40 years, and Acadian Flycatcher was recorded the 3rd time since 1949. The new nesting areas at Iroquois NWR are apparently responsible for the record high number of Gadwall. Other species appearing in unusually high numbers include Double-cr. Cormorant, Turkey Vulture, Ruffed Grouse, Great-cr. Flycatcher and Solitary Flycatcher. Other species in the ten year high or within 10 % of the all time previous high category include Sharp-sh. Hawk, Rough-leg. Hawk, Sanderling, Red-bel. Woodpecker, Black-c. Chickadee, House Wren, Woodthrush, Swainson's Thrush, Blue-w. Warbler, Brewster's Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellowthroat, Hooded Warbler, Northern Oriole, Cardinal, Rose-br. Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting.

On the other end the following were recorded at all time lows:

- Black Duck continues a steady decline for ten years.
- Goldeneye was missing for the first time since 1962.
- Common Tern has been showing a marked drop since 1972.
- Black Tern has been showing a marked drop since 1969.

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Dunlin were the lowest since 1951..

Bank Swallow has been showing a marked drop since 1971.

Rough-w. Swallow showed a new low in a fluctuating series.

Orange-cr. Warbler was not recorded for the first time in 12 years.

E. Meadowlark is showing a marked decline since 1971.

Henslow's Sparrow is gradually declining from a norm of 45<sup>±</sup> in 1945,55, to 15<sup>±</sup> in 1965-74 to only 2 this year.

Other species showing a low for the ten year period include- Green w. Teal,

Greater Scaup, Red-br. Merganser, Ring-n. Pheasant and Vesper Sparrow.

Almost half (47.8%) of the species were recorded substantially above their median for the past ten years, while less than a third (31.6%) were present below their normal numbers and a fifth (21.6%) hit the median level. Hawks, woodpeckers and warblers generally were recorded in numbers above their ten year norm. Conversely gulls, terns, swallows and sparrows were below their normal numbers.

Table I shows the number of each species recorded with a notation indicated above giving its status with past counts. Also when seen in only one or two sections, these are noted in parenthesis. Traill's Flycatcher which is now officially recognized as two species - by song - namely, Willow (fitz-bu) and Alder (fee-beo) were not separated by most observers and are shown as recorded.

Sections and Observers (names of compilers are underlined)

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Fonthill, Ont.      | <u>H.L. Lancaster</u>   |
| 2. Thorold, Ont.       | <u>R.E. Gardiner</u> and R.T.W. Gardiner.   |
| 3. Wilson, N.Y.        | <u>H. &amp; W. Klabunde</u> , L. Duckwall, T. Farrel and U.G. Lehrer.   |
| 4. Middleport, N.Y.    | <u>J.G. Lehrer</u> and K. Small.  |
| 5. Oak Orchard, N.Y.   | <u>J. Morse</u> , B. Heck, O.Olsen, W. Rebovich.  |
| 6. Port Maitland, Ont. | <u>E.A. Williams</u> .  |
| 7. Lowbanks, Ont.      | <u>M.L. Emerson</u> , M. Emerson and J. Braunberns.   |
| 8. Fort Erie, Ont.     | <u>H.D. Mitchell</u> , S. King, R. Off and J. Stein.  |
| 9. Grand Island, N.Y.  | <u>H. Klabunde</u> .  |
| 10. Akron, N.Y.        | <u>A. Ulrich</u> , A. Abrams and M. Lovelace.   |
| 11. Buffalo, N.Y.      | <u>H. D. Mitchdl</u> , G. Brown and P. Lazarus.   |
| 12. Lancaster, N.Y.    | <u>M. &amp; M. Wendling</u> , A. Bauer, I. Bill, R. Franz, D. & F. Danner, P. Moore, G. Webster and C. Wolfing.                                     |
| 13. Batavia, N.Y.      | <u>J. &amp; M. Mason</u> , R. & N. Annabal, G. Buckland, H. & B. Dodge, E. & R. Hull, G. Galway, R. Kloss, G. Mahaney, K. M. Pixley and D. Thureau. |
| 14. Hamburg, N.Y.      | <u>T. L. Bourne</u> , A.M. and J.E. Bacon, Dr. & Mrs. R. Leonard, R. & W. Mauser, E. & J.F. Webb.   |
| 15. Java, N.Y.         | <u>D.M. and D. Bigelow</u> , A. & W. Ayres, L. & M. Crone, I. Henzler, A. & E. Keller, G. Robinson, K. & C. Stroke, and R. Tannehill.               |
| 16. Angola, N.Y.       | <u>G. &amp; R. Stevenson</u> , and G. & W. Peterson.  |

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17. Cattaraugus, N.Y. M. Wendling,  
18. Delevan, N.Y. D. F. Clark and B. & M. Reeves.  
19. Fillmore, N.Y. K. Palmer, V. Carpenter, D. Clark, R. Gilman, Mr. & Mrs. E. Howden, Mrs. B. Main, M. Main, L. Maxon, A. Mullen, J. Nelson, M. Pitzrick, D. Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Smith, L. Smith, E. Swanson, L. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson.  
20. Dunkirk, N.Y. F. M. Rew, and L. Buck.  
21. Cherry Creek, N.Y. E. Pillsbury, C. Beal, G. Christy, N. Funicello, D. Pihlblad, M. A. Rieber and C. Roby.  
22. Sherman, N.Y. E. Pillsbury, N. Bates, F. Elderkin and O. Swanson.  
23. Frewsburg, N.Y. E. Pillsbury, C. Belknap, E. Bohall, J. Bohall, R. Bohall, C. Brown, G. Caswell, F. Elderkin, H. Fargo, A. Hiller, L. Keller, S. Maggio, B. Robinson, R. Sundell, G. Wheeler and Mrs. B. Young.  
24. Allegany State Pk. D. Happ, M. Goldstick and J. Harrington.  
25. Allegany, N.Y. J. & M. Forness.  
26. Cuba Lake, N.Y. D. & L. Burton, K. Brown, Mrs. L. Champlin, J. Chernio, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. J. Compton, A. Driscoll, H. Goldthwait, T. Ingalls, M. L. Kaufmann, Mr. & Mrs. R. Keople, Mrs. F. Resch, A. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. W. Serra, D. Shelton, B. & B. Smalley, B. Smith, O.L. Smith, Mrs. B. Taylor, M. Truesdell, A. Voorheis and Mrs. N. K. Wilson.  
27. Bolivar, N.Y. D. Burton, C. Abbott, H. K. Apsey, A. Ayres, Mr. & Mrs. C. Carrier, Mrs. A. Case, F. A. DeGroff, C. Graves, L.A. Gross, L. Ingram, N. Ives, Mr. & Mrs. R. Keople, M. Marshall, J. McLaughlin, N. McMindes, H. Nickols, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pettit, Mr. & Mrs. R. Richmond and Mrs. R. Swartz.  
28. Alfred, N.Y. E.W. Brooks, E. Larson, V. Pitzrick, Mrs. A. Ahrens, J. Babcock, I. Brown, V. Brown, G. Buckley, D. Burdick, Mr. & Mrs. C. Burdick, L. & D. Burton, Mr. & Mrs. L. Casterline, A. Catlin, L. Chapman, M.E. Clark, D. & E. Coats, J. Copenheaver, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cronauer, P. Cully, E. Dexter, A. Eisenhardt, C. Ferrand, P. & T. Finlay, Mr. and Mrs. H. Forster, A. & E. Foster, M. A. Fuller, J. & L. Gibson, H. Graves, L.M. Graves, A. Hampton, F. Heller, V. Ide, R., C. & G. James, M. Jordan, C. Klingensmith, L. Langworthy, C. MacDonald, Mr. & Mrs. T. McClure, M. Ormsby, M. Pendleton, L. Phelan, R. Pitzrick, E. Renner, D. & O. Reynolds, A. & E. Rhodes, H. Robinson, M. Rosa, P. Sanford, V. Sharrett, G. Smith, H. Thomas, T. & L. Vossler, P. Washburn, M. Wells and R. Yelle.

TABLE I

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Status</u>
Common Loon	21	M	American Coot	11	L+
Horned Grebe	8	M+ (8,22)	Semipalm. Plover	20	M
Pied-billed Grebe	7	L+	Killdeer	599	H
D.-crest. Cormorant	6	H+ (6,22)	Black-bell. Plover	1	L
Great Blue Heron	186	M+	Ruddy Turnstone	56	M+
Green Heron	99	M	Amer. Woodcock	42	M
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	2	L+ (3,23)	Common Snipe	40	M+
Least Bittern	1	L+ (19)	Whimbrel	10	M+ (6)
American Bittern	14	M-	Upland Sandpiper	12	M
Snowy Egret	1	H+ (7)	Spotted Sandpiper	142	M-
Whistling Swan	3	M- (8,22)	Solitary Sandpiper	13	M-
Canada Goose	240	H-	Greater Yellowlegs	9	M+
Mallard	352	H	Lesser Yellowlegs	9	M
Black Duck	12	L-	Pectoral Sandpiper	9	M-
Gadwall	29	H+	Least Sandpiper	17	M-
Green-w. Teal	4	L-	Dunlin	9	L (10,21)
Blue-w. Teal	106	M+	Semipalm. Sandpiper	18	M+
American Wigeon	20	M+	Sanderling	12	H+
Wood Duck	102	H	Gr. Black-b. Gull	13	H-
Redhead	4	M	Herring Gull	181	M-
Ring-necked Duck	3	M (5,7)	Ring-b. Gull	2452	M+
Greater Scaup	2	L (15)	Bonaparte's Gull	51	M-
Lesser Scaup	6	L+ (4,27)	Common Tern	200	L-
Bufflehead	18	M-	Caspian Tern	1	M- (20)
Oldsquaw	7	M+	Black Tern	17	L-
White-w. Scoter	1	M (23)	Rock Dove	770	M-
Hooded Merganser	3	M- (5,18)	Mourning Dove	841	M+
Common Merganser	6	L+	Yellow-b. Cuckoo	5	M-
Red-br. Merganser	5	L-	Black-b. Cuckoo	19	M
Turkey Vulture	118	H+	Screech Owl	8	H-
Sharp-sh. Hawk	12	H+	Great Horned Owl	23	H
Cooper's Hawk	13	H	Barred Owl	8	M+
Red-tailed Hawk	144	M+	Long-eared Owl	1	M- (23)
Red-should. Hawk	36	M+	Saw-whet Owl	1	H+ (18)
Broad-wing. Hawk	27	H	Whip-poor-will	2	M (7,18)
Rough-leg. Hawk	3	H+	Common Nighthawk	10	M
Marsh Hawk	13	M	Chimney Swift	497	M-
Osprey	1	L (15)	Ruby-th. Hummingbird	117	H-
Sparrow Hawk	68	M+	Belted Kingfisher	121	M
Ruffed Grouse	61	H+	Common Flicker	589	M
Ring-n. Pheasant	114	L-	Pileated Woodpecker	25	M+
Turkey	30	H-	Red-bellied Wdpkr.	21	H+
Virginia Rail	3	M (20,21)	Red-headed Wdpkr.	64	M+
Sora	1	L (6)	Yellow-b. Sapsucker	21	M
Common Gallinule	22	M	Hairy Woodpecker	169	H-

Table I cont.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Status</u>
Downy Woodpecker	339	H	Starling	6471	M-
Eastern Kingbird	406	M+	Yellow-thr. Vireo	20	M+
Gr.Crest.Flycatcher	236	H+	Solitary Vireo	40	H+
Eastern Phoebe	265	M-	Red-eyed Vireo	231	M
Yellow-b.Flycatcher	3	M+	Philadelphia Vireo	14	H
Acadian Flycatcher	1	H+ (8)	Warbling Vireo	124	M
Alder Flycatcher	6		Bl.-&-w. Warbler	39	M
(Traill's Flycatcher)	13	M	Prothonotary Warbler	3	M+ (5)
Least Flycatcher	218	M+	Golden-w. Warbler	5	M-
E.Wood Pewee	56	M	Blue-w. Warbler	114	H+
Olive-s. Flycatcher	2	M (14,26)	"Brewster's Warbler"	3	H+ (23,28)
Horned Lark	114	L	Tennessee Warbler	84	H-
Tree Swallow	641	L	Nashville Warbler	125	H+
Bank Swallow	341	L-	Parula Warbler	1	M- (23)
Rough-w. Swallow	104	L	Yellow Warbler	1962	M+
Barn Swallow	1783	M-	Magnolia Warbler	131	M
Cliff Swallow	93	M-	Cape May Warbler	95	H-
Purple Martin	712	L-	Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	43	M+
Blue Jay	1174	M+	Myrtle Warbler	420	M+
Common Crow	1465	M	Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	171	M+
Black-c. Chickadee	1005	H+	Cerulean Warbler	16	M+
Tufted Titmouse	12	M	Blackburnian Warbler	134	M+
White-br. Nuthatch	222	M+	Chestnut-s. Warbler	318	H
Red-br. Nuthatch	19	M	Bay-br. Warbler	82	M+
Brown Creeper	26	M+	Blackpoll Warbler	7	M-
House Wren	557	H+	Palm Warbler	14	M+
Winter Wren	15	M+	Ovenbird	220	H
Carolina Wren	10	H	Nor. Waterthrush	20	M
Long-b. Marsh Wren	8	M-	La. Waterthrush	8	M+
Mockingbird	14	H	Mourning Warbler	15	M-
Catbird	1119	H	Yellowthroat	703	H+
Brown Thrasher	194	M	Yellow-br. Chat	1	L (26)
Robin	5759	M	Hooded Warbler	37	H+
Wood Thrush	633	H+	Wilson's Warbler	25	M-
Hermit Thrush	30	M+	Canada Warbler	24	M-
Swainson's Thrush	128	H+	Amer. Redstart	264	M
Gray-ch. Thrush	2	L+ (6,23)	House Sparrow	3558	M
Veery	147	M	Bobolink	1005	M
Eastern Bluebird	77	M-	E. Meadowlark	552	L-
Bl.-gr. Gnatcatcher	27	H	Red-w. Blackbird	12045	M
Golden-cr. Kinglet	21	M+	Orchard Oriole	1	M (28)
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	37	M-	Northern Oriole	1283	H+
Water Pipit	37	H	Rusty Blackbird	19	M-
Cedar Waxwing	208	M+	Common Grackle	7566	M



Table 1 (contd.)

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Status</u>
Brown-h. Cowbird	1903	M	Henslow's Sparrow	2	L- (20,26)
Scarlet Tanager	119	M-	Vesper Sparrow	47	L-
Cardinal	800	H+	Dark-eyed. Junco	80	M-
Rose-br. Grosbeak	639	H+	Tree Sparrow	1	H- (28)
Indigo Bunting	280	H+	Chipping Sparrow	1158	M+
Purple Finch	242	M+	Field Sparrow	480	M+
Amer. Goldfinch	3178	M	White-cr. Sparrow	185	M-
Red. Crossbill	2	M (28)	White-thr. Sparrow	84	M
Rufous-s. Towhee	557	M	Lincoln's Sparrow	1	L (20)
Savannah Sparrow	285	M-	Swamp Sparrow	117	L
Grasshopper Sparrow	16	M+	Song Sparrow	2378	M-

198 Species + 1 Hybrid

81,932 individuals.

The compilers wish to extend their thanks to all the observers who have made this report possible, particularly the Allegany Bird Club who had a record 70 observers in the field in Section 28.

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### Field Trip - North Shore of Lake Erie

May 10th dawned bright and chilly with the promise of a beautiful day ahead for spring birding. The promise was fulfilled although one could wish for slightly more variety in the species observed. Five B.O.S. members comprised the official trip which crossed the Peace Bridge at 8:00 a.m. but we were joined at both Erie Beach and Mud Lake by Harriette and Walter Klabunde and their museum bird class, among others and so the actual number of birders was considerably higher.

At Erie Beach, White-throated Sparrows were everywhere in the underbrush with Blue Jays and Yellow-rumped Warblers the next two most numerous species. Several people commented that most of the migrants we observed were 'first wave' spring passerines such as Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Black-and-white Warblers, Ovenbird, Brown Thrasher and the aforementioned white-throats and yellow-rumps. Strangely enough, although birds were plentiful, only one Nashville Warbler was seen! At Mud Lake on the outskirts of Port Colborne, we had an enjoyable walk along the nature trail on the west side of the Lake where we enjoyed good looks at a variety of waterfowl and marsh birds including Common Gallinule, Coot, Ring-neck and Redhead Duck as well as numerous Mallards and Blue-winged Teal. The shrubbery along the pathway was alive with warblers and other small migrants including a very obliging Red-breasted Nuthatch who allowed us to approach within a few feet. This area is an excellent one for close and studied observations of many birds usually seen only at some distance. Again, Palm and Yellow-rumped Warblers predominated, maintaining the 'first wave' theme.



Our final stop was at Morgan's Point where Dick Byron spotted what was probably the bird of the day, a Blue-grey Gnatcatcher resting in a bush at the very tip of the point. The wooded area behind the dunes was almost devoid of birds, probably due in part to the large number of campers and other people who seemed to be wandering about everywhere. The official trip ended at this location at about 2:00 p.m. as most of us had to honor other commitments. It was a glorious day to be afield, however, and I am sure no one had any regrets for the time spent on this field trip.

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"Whimbrel Trip" - May 25th, 1975

Sixteen members in seven cars met at the Peace Bridge at 7:30 AM and set out along Canadian shore points as far as Morgan's Point. The weather was humid, with fog obscuring vision through most of the morning.

Points visited were: along the Niagara River, Erie Beach, the pump house at Rose Hill, Windmill Point (hopelessly enshrouded in fog!) Dr. Marcy's woodlands at Point Abino, and Morgan's Point. Because of high lake levels shore birds were few -- Ruddy Turnstones, Spotted Sandpipers, and three Black-bellied Plovers (near Erie Beach). There was a report of an Olive-sided Flycatcher along Thunder Bay Road, but the party was unable to locate it. The most intriguing possibility of the day was a flock of about 40 large shore birds with no observably long bills or trailing feet, seen by two members at Windmill Point. In the fog no identification was possible. Dr. and Mrs. Marcy received the members with hot coffee and muffins at their cabin in the woods. A tour through the Marcy woods produced few birds (with good performances by tanagers and grosbeaks) and many wildflowers. The party then went to Morgan's Point and broke up shortly after lunch. The birding was not spectacular. No whimbrels were seen but 58 species were recorded.

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NOTES

The Gadwall As A Breeding Species in Western New York

I note that the B.O.S. Date Guide requires that all Gadwalls that are seen between the dates of May 24 and September 8 be reported on verification forms. I have not done this since 1969 as we have been conducting a project to establish Gadwalls as a nesting bird on Iroquois since that date. I believe that we have been successful and consider that now the Gadwall can be considered a regular nesting species at Iroquois and probably also on the adjacent New York State Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area. This should preclude the necessity for verification forms during the above period if the birds are seen at Iroquois or Tonawanda.

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The Gadwall as a Breeding Species in Western New York, cont.

For your records, I will submit a summary of our activities to date on this project:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>*Number of Ducklings Released</u>	<u>Broods Seen on Iroquois NW Refuge</u>
1969	12	0
1970	9	0
1971	62	1
1972	0	3
1973	0	2
1974	<u>18</u>	<u>3</u>
Total To Date	101	9

\*Ducklings were obtained by night-lighting at Montezuma NWR - Seneca Falls, N.Y.

A partial census on May 29, 1975 resulted in a count of 19 Gadwalls. As some of these represented lone males on station, I believe that at least 12 pairs were present. A count on May 19 showed another pair on an impoundment that was not covered on the 29th. Thus, I believe that we have at least 13 nesting pairs of Gadwalls on Iroquois at the present time.

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#### A Nest Of ~~Mr. Shville~~ ~~Warren~~ in Allegany County

On May 25, 1975, about 8 A.M., I was walking along a deer trail in deciduous woods of 10 to 20 foot Hard Maple and some Black Cherry when suddenly a tiny bird flushed from the ground close to my left foot. Searching painstakingly, I finally discovered a nest on the ground, tucked under a roof of dry grass at the foot of a tiny excuse for a shrub (probably Black Cherry) and containing 4 white eggs lightly sprinkled with brown dots but with one at least having a spotty ring at the large end. The nest among the trees was in a clearing of about 8 x 20 feet. Surrounding this small grassy area is boggy ground with a Tamarack Plantation a short distance away to the north and east. The location is about 5 miles north of Scio, Allegany County, New York, at Elevation 1640 ft., Latitude 42° 13 and Longitude 77° 59. I did not identify the nester at this time as the bird flushed too quickly and my time was limited. (It was Sunday morning and I am our Church Organist.)

Two days later, May 27, I went back and flushed the bird again, this time catching a glimpse of olive-green on the back and a bit of yellow at the base of the tail. Sitting down about 60 ft. from the nest and making a variety of sounds, I was able to call the bird to a maple in the open above me where it showed itself intermittently several times during my 20 minute stay. When I first saw the grey head and cheeks, white eye ring along with plain unbarred olive-green wings, I

A Nest of the Nashville Warbler in Allegany County, cont.

exclaimed, "Why, it's a Nashville." (Since I believe a nest of a Nashville Warbler has never before been found in Allegany County, perhaps my talking to myself is justified.) The bright yellow breast and throat of the bird was unstreaked, and the needle-like bill and size much smaller than a House Sparrow but larger than a Kinglet identified it as a warbler.

With sun at my left and usually shining on the bird, and with skies having only scattered clouds, viewing at about 15 to 20 feet was excellent with my 7 x 50 binoculars in excellent condition. At times I did not need binoculars.

I believe this individual was a female as the cheeks seemed slightly paler grey than the top of the head and back of the neck. Also a high "Chip" was it's only call while farther back in the woods on my right I could head a male Nashville Warbler singing its two part song: the first part fairly slow, wavering regularly, "Tweedle-ee-dle-ee-dle-ee-dle", and the last part a rapid succession of the same run together. I did not notice the whitish cast on lower belly mentioned in Godfrey's Birds of Canada, and Pearson's Birds of America, nor did I see a chestnut patch on the head, mentioned by several references.

On May 31, in the late morning, I led Raymond Pitzrick to the nest but we caught only a glimpse of the bird as it flushed. ~~It was a Nashville Warbler.~~ That same day without telling him what species to look for, I took Michael Pitzrick to the location where we watched for about 30 minutes. We saw just one bird and a second was "chipping" near by part of the time. He was able to study and identify the bird which flushed from the nest and which also returned to it for a short time during our observation. ~~(A Nashville Warbler.)~~ Two Red-eyed Vireos lit on the same Black Cherry tree where we were watching the Warbler and a good comparison could be made: the Warbler's bill was tinier and thinner than that of the Vireos', and the Warbler was surprisingly smaller than the Vireos. I could add nothing new at this sighting, other than this size comparison and the devotion the little bird had to its nest. The same flitting about and hiding among the foliage was characteristic.

This was not an Ovenbird's nest as the bird flushed from it had a yellow (not white), unstreaked breast. The bird was not an Orange-crowned Warbler or a Mourning Warbler as it had a white eye ring, and the throat was yellow, not gray or black. It was not a Connecticut Warbler (which does have an eye ring) as the throat was yellow, not gray.

I am very familiar with the Nashville Warbler species, having seen it many times during the past eleven years. It has been especially common here during this Spring's migration.

At the first two times of sighting the nest and nester, I had no references with me but since then have consulted: Bent, Life Histories of North American

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Nest of the Nashville Warbler in Allegany County, cont.

Wood Warblers, Part One; Bull, Birds of New York State; Forbush and May, American Birds; Godfrey, Birds of Canada; Pearson, Birds of America; Beardslee and Mitchell, Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region; Peterson, A Field Guide to the Birds, Robbins, et al, Birds of North America; and Wetmore, Song and Garden Birds of North America.

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#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's club room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

program to be announced

#### PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

August 23rd. Field day for B.O.S. members and friends at the cottage of Frances Rew on Lewis Road in the Town of Charlotte in Chautauqua County. Bring picnic lunch or picnic supper as all are welcome after 1:00 p.m. for an afternoon of birding, hiking, wild flower study or just taking in the beauty of this unspoiled natural area. Refer to coordinates B-17, Section #21 of your B.O.S. territory map for the location of the cottage. Take N.Y. Rte. 60 south to Cassadaga; turn left at the Catholic Church onto Cassadaga Road and proceed approximately six miles to the first hardtop road you will encounter, Rood Road; turn right on Rood Road and proceed 1 3/4 miles to Cook Road - turn left at maroon barn and proceed to top of hill where you turn right on Lewis Road. Fran's cottage is the only dwelling on the road.

P.S. Anyone wishing to camp over night is welcome!

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## THE MONTH

June was hot and sunny with an average temperature of  $68.0^{\circ}$  or  $2.3^{\circ}$  above normal for the period. 3.65 inches of rain, 1.42 inches above normal, were recorded. There were no major weather disturbances. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

With the end of the spring migration, the seasonal lull in bird observations begins. However, a number of interesting records should not go unnoticed. The Sandhill Crane reported on the 21st from the Town of Clymer in Chautauqua County by Robert Sundell and numerous other observers was apparently a feral bird although remarkably tame and obliging to the legion of photographers who recorded its presence on film. The bird, with very brown plumage, remained in the area for approximately one week during which time it was observed by most active local birders in the vicinity of small ponds in pasture land on two farms.

This writer was surprised to observe no less than four Mockingbirds while driving approximately two miles on the Wilson-Youngstown Road in the town of Porter in Niagara County on June 26th. The report of the Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey of the Fish and Wildlife Service for this area, published elsewhere in these pages, records this species on the survey for the first time from the East Youngstown Route covered by the Klabundes. It is the opinion of Walter Klabunde that an active and viable breeding population of Mockingbirds is now firmly established in Northern Niagara County and the adjacent portions of Ontario, across the Niagara River, where a census of wintering birds of this species by Gustave Yaki between the City of Niagara Falls (Ont.) and Niagara-On-The-Lake on January 28th, 1968 yielded nine individuals. (See Prothonotary, vol. 34:3, pp. 29-31, 1968.)

Of interest is the spring record of a Wilson's Phalarope from the Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area in Eastern Niagara County. A second nest of the Nash-



ville Warbler, only recently removed from the hypothetical list as a breeding species in Allegany County by Vivian Pitzrick's discovery of a breeding bird at Scio in May, was reported by the Burtons from the Town of Almond in that county.

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# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

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Common Loon	June	19-30	1 Mayville, Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
* <u>Mute Swan</u>	"	18	2 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Sundell, et al.
Gadwall	"	<u>27</u>	4 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>28</u>	3 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
Green-w. Teal	"	<u>27</u>	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
American Wigeon	"	3,13,21,27	4-7 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	4	3 Times Beach, Buffalo	Happ
	"	15	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
Redhead	"	<u>27</u>	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Bufflehead	"	<u>3</u>	1 Iroquois NWR	Minsley, Frank
Turkey Vulture	"	8	1 Eggertsville	McKales
	"	15	1 4-Mile Creek Park, Youngstown	Klabundes
Sharp-shin. Hawk	"	18	1 Alfred	Brooks
Cooper's Hawk	"	2	1 Town of Amity	V. Pitzrick
* <u>Sandhill Crane</u>	"	21F	1 Clymer	Sundell, et al.
	"	22	1 Clymer (very tame bird)	Elderkin, et al.
Semipalm. Plover	"	15L	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
Black-bell. Plover	"	<u>26L</u>	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Ruddy Turnstone	"	<u>4L</u>	4 Times Beach, Buffalo	Happ
Common Snipe	"	20	7 Nr. Wethersfield Sprgs. Wyo. Co.	Andrles
Lesser Yellowlegs	"	25F	1 Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
* <u>W.-rumped Sandpiper</u>	"	8F,15L	4,3 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
Least Sandpiper	"	28F	2 Tonawanda WMA	Andrle, et al.
Dunlin	"	8,15	6,1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
	"	<u>27L</u>	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.

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Semipalm. Sandpiper	June	4	270	Times Beach, Buffalo	Happ
"	"	8,15L	60,12	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	27F	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
*Wilson's Phalarope	"	9	1	Tonawanda WMA, along Rte.77	Soule, LaFalce
Glaucous Gull	"	29	1	Mohawk Island, Ont. (crippled bird)	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
Gr. Black-b. Gull	"	25	1	Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	29	6	(imm.) Port Maitland, Mohawk Island, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Bonaparte's Gull	"	4L	2	Times Beach, Buffalo	Happ
Whip-poor-will	"	4	1	Oak Orchard GMA	Freeland
Red-bellied Wdpkr.	"	4	2	Oak Orchard GMA	Freeland
"	"	29	1	Brant Reservation Rd.	Skrzypek
Red-headed Wdpkr.	"	1	1,3,8	1,1,1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	"	14	1	Scio	V. Pitzrick
Bank Swallow	"	13	50	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-30	1-2	Spring Brook	Danner
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	1-30	1	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	11-25	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Brown Creeper	"	4	1	Oak Orchard GMA	Freeland
Carolina Wren	"	1-30	1-2	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	4	1	Oak Orchard GMA	Freeland
"	"	18-30	1-2	Hamburg	Bourne
Mockingbird	"	3	1	Youngstown	Thill
"	"	4	1	Clarence	Freeland
"	"	26	4	Town of Porter	Thill
Eastern Bluebird	"	1,25	2,3	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	4	2,1	Akron, South Alabama	Freeland
"	"	9	1	Oak Orchard Park	Bourne
"	"	22	2	Perrysburg	Wagner
"	"	28	1	Youngstown	Klabundes
Bl.-gr. Gnatcatcher	"	4	1	Oak Orchard GMA	Freeland
Prothonotary Warbler	"	21	1	Iroquois NWR (Swallow Hollow)	Klabundes
*Brewster's Warbler	"	1-25	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Nashville Warbler	"	3	3	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	10,23	1,2	Alfred	Brooks
Bl.-thr. Blue Warbler	"	5	1	Maple & Millersport, Amherst	Happ
"	"	6L	1	Hickox Rd., Eden	Bourne
Blackpoll Warbler	"	6L	1	Eggertsville	McKales
Northern Waterthrush	"	20-30	2	Alfred	Brooks
Yellow-br. Chat	"	4	1	BOSWR, Grand Island	Klabundes
"	"	11	1	Howard Rd., Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	22	1	Frewsburg	Sundell
"	"	25	2	Town of Cold Spring (Cattaraugus Co.)	Sundell
"	"	25	1	Wainfleet Bog, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Wilson's Warbler	"	3L	1	Eggertsville	McKales
Canada Warbler	"	2L	1	Delaware Park	Harrington

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . 242  
 Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . 4  
 Total for year . . . 246



1975 NESTING RECORDS - I

Great Blue Heron	June	13	140 nests, averaging two Y	Seneca Pool, Iroquois NWR Morse, Beebe Town of Hume Burtons (found by Richards)
Marsh Hawk	"	1	N3E	Amity Lake V. Pitzrick
Woodcock	"	4	2YO	Amity Lake V. Pitzrick
Blk.-b. Cuckoo	"	3	N1E	Amity Lake V. Pitzrick
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	"	17	2 adults feeding Y	Town of Birdsall Burtons
Carolina Wren	"	14	N abandoned, in coffee can on patio (Started building 5/31; this nest presumably in addition to earlier successful nesting in carton on floor in garage, which concluded May 31 with report of 3YO. Danner notes that during building of second nest "House Wren would pull out the leaves.")	Springbrook Danner
Eastern Bluebird	"	3	4 adults, N10Y (presumably in 2 nests)	Amity Lake V. Pitzrick
	"	8-25	2 adults, 2YO	Amity Lake V. Pitzrick
	"	22	2 adults, N4Y	Amity Lake V. Pitzrick
Cedar Waxwing	"	9	Building nest, small maple	Hamburg Skrzypek
	"	12	Incubating,	
	"	29	Feeding young	
Solitary Vireo	"	8	N found 5/30 is empty	Town of Almond Burtons
Nashville Warbler	"	8	N found 5/28 is abandoned	Town of Almond Burtons
Grasshopper Sparrow	"	8	N2Y	Tonawanda WMA Morse, Rebovich, Berg

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

COOPERATIVE BREEDING BIRD SURVEY (FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE)

Compiled by Walter Klabunde

This is the ninth year that B.O.S. members and friends have participated in the Fish & Wildlife - Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey. The procedure and rules followed are described in The Prothonotary, Vol. 33, No. 10, pages 123-7 (1967) and Vol. 34 No. 10, page 112 (1968). All nineteen routes were covered and are included in this report. Our Thanks go to the following who cooperated in this endeavor.

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Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey (Fish & Wildlife Service, cont.)

Observer	Assistant	Route	
		Number	Name
Harold Lancaster	Evelyn Lancaster	001	Dunnville
Lou L. Burton	Doris Burton	045	Phillip's Creek
Elizabeth W. Brooks	Clarence W. Klingensmith	046	Swain
Alice E. Ulrich	Pauline Schwartz	052	Mt. Morris
Marian L. Crone	Lincoln E. Crone	053	Hamburg
Marie Wendling	Margaret Wendling	054	West Seneca
Robert F. Andrle	Patricia R. Andrle	055	Gainesville
David M. Bigelow	Dee M. Bigelow	056	Cattaraugus
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	057	East Java
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	058	Castile
Stephen W. Eaton	Ellen E. Eaton	059	Randolph
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	060	Centerville
Frances M. Rew	Lois Buck	061	Sheridan
Robert A. Sundell	* * *	062	Cherry Hill
Robert M. Wagner	Mrs. Robert M. Wagner	063	Nashville
Alice M. McKale	Willard F. McKale	064	St. Johnsburg
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	065	East Youngstown
Jane Mason	Max Mason	066	Byron
Stephen W. Eaton	Ellen E. Eaton	111	South Vandalia

Table 1 summarizes the totals reported for each species and the frequency of detection by routes. The total of 119 species is the highest in the series. However two of these cannot be counted (Common Loon and Yellow-rump Warbler) because of their non-nesting status in this area. Thus the net total becomes 117. This is the 2nd highest in the nine years. The Traill's Flycatcher reported by two observers is discounted as it is replaced by Willow and Alder Flycatchers. (Although the F&W data sheets only show Traill's Flycatcher their tabulations note Willow and Alder Flycatchers when so reported. Probably when they print new sheets these changes will be incorporated as well as the other changes in the AOU nomenclature)

In addition to total numbers recorded for each species in Table 1 the notation (H) is also included when the number is the highest of the nine year period, (+) when in the top three, (L) when the lowest in the series, and (-) when placed in the bottom three years. No notation indicates the number is in the median three years. These same designations were applied to the % Routes, to show how the distribution compared with the previous years. Finally (n.c.) indicates the species was not counted because its local status is non-nesting.

Virginia Rail, Carolina Wren and Mockingbird are new to the list. Carolina Wrens have been much more numerous and quite widespread in our area over the past two years, while the Mockingbird has been on a steady increase in the Niagara Frontier area over the past decade and is becoming a regular species on all our censuses.

Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey (Fish & Wildlife Service) cont.

Another fourteen species were tabulated in record high numbers. Nine of these are classed as normal fluctuations. However, five of the species, namely, House Wren, Red-eyed Vireo, Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting all have been showing a gradual increase over the nine years.

Four species normally present were missing this year. Pied-billed Grebe was absent for the second time while American Bittern, Turkey Vulture and Brown Creeper were not recorded for the third time in the nine year series.

Seven species attained the (L) status. Of these only one is considered noteworthy. The Eastern Meadowlark has shown a lowering trend over the last four years which is also noted in the B.O.S. May censuses. The luscious growth of grasses and grains this spring, which made counting and detecting of ground birds more difficult, probably accounts for many of the lower than normal numbers (29 species with a (-) status). At least eighteen of the species with a (-) or (L) status might be classed as primarily ground feeders.

TABLE 1

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% Routes</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% Routes</u>
Common Loon	7 H(n.c)	5 +	Yellow-b.Cuckoo	2	11
Gr. Blue Heron	17	53 +	Black-b.Cuckoo	5 L	21 L
Green Heron	17	53 H	Great Horned Owl	2	11
B.cr. Night Heron	3 +	5 +	Chimney Swift	40	53 L
Mallard	36 +	42 +	Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	3	11
Black Duck	2 -	5	Belted Kingfisher	6 L	32 -
Blue-w. Teal	7 +	21 H	Common Flicker	87 -	95 -
Wood Duck	5	11	Pileated Woodpecker	1 -	5 -
Red-tailed Hawk	20 H	63 H	Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	5
Red-should. Hawk	7 +	21	Red-headed Woodpecker	4	11 -
Marsh Hawk	1	5	Yellow-b. Sapsucker	3	5
Sparrow Hawk	17	47	Hairy Woodpecker	2 -	11
Ring-n.Pheasant	182	74	Downy Woodpecker	21	53 -
Turkey	3	5	Eastern Kingbird	91 H	95
Virginia Rail	1 H	5 H	Gr.Crest. Flycatcher	32	84 H
Common Gallinule	2 H	5	Eastern Phoebe	26 L	68 -
Killdeer	194 +	100	Traill's Flycatcher*	7	11
Amer. Woodcock	1	5	Alder Flycatcher	17	37
Common Snipe	12 +	26 +	Willow Flycatcher	55	68
Upland Sandpiper	9 -	11 L	Least Flycatcher	62 +	84
Spotted Sandpiper	7 -	21 -	E. Wood Pewee	43 -	84
Ring-b. Gull	117 +	5 -	Horned Lark	55 -	53 -
Common Tern	2	5	Tree Swallow	36	47
Rock Dove	225 -	79	Bank Swallow	78	37
Mourning Dove	371 +	100	Rough-w. Swallow	2 -	5 L

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Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey (Fish & Wildlife Service) cont.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% Routes</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% Routes</u>
Barn Swallow	412	100	Blackburnian Warbler	6 -	16 -
Cliff Swallow	17 +	26 H	Chestnut-s. Warbler	18 L	58
Purple Martin	60	32	Ovenbird	25	37
Blue Jay	107 +	84 -	Nor. Waterthrush	2 +	5 +
Common Crow	613 -	100	La. Waterthrush	1	5
Black-c. Chickadee	81 +	79	Mourning Warbler	14 +	32
Tufted Titmouse	1 +	5 +	Yellowthroat	225 +	100
White-br. Nuthatch	6 -	21 L	Yellow-br. Chat	1 +	5 +
Red-br. Nuthatch	2 +	11 +	Hooded Warbler	3	11
House Wren	221 H	100	Canada Warbler	5	16
Carolina Wren	1 H	5 H	Amer. Redstart	23	53
Long-b. Marsh Wren	2 +	5	House Sparrow	1066 -	100
Mockingbird	3 H	5 H	Bobolink	320 -	100
Catbird	183	100	E. Meadowlark	342 L	100
Brown Thrasher	37	63 L	Red-w. Blackbird	3198 -	100
Robin	1432 -	100	Northern Oriole	149	95
Wood Thrush	183 H	95	Common Grackle	1840	100
Hermit Thrush	2	5	Brown-h. Cowbird	160 -	95 -
Veery	47	68	Scarlet Tanager	35 +	74 +
Eastern Bluebird	13 +	32	Cardinal	117 H	100 +
Golden-cr. Kinglet	1 +	5 +	Rose-br. Grosbeak	56 H	74
Cedar Waxwing	76 -	74 -	Indigo Bunting	147 H	95 +
Starling	2416 L	100	Purple Finch	15 -	42
Yellow-thr. Vireo	2	11	Amer. Goldfinch	448 -	100
Solitary Vireo	4 H	11	Rufous-s. Towhee	84 -	53 L
Red-eyed Vireo	229 H	100	Savannah Sparrow	460 -	100
Warbling Vireo	44 -	68	Grasshopper Sparrow	12 -	42
Bl.-&-W. Warbler	1	5	Henslow's Sparrow	8 -	27
Golden-w. Warbler	2	11	Vesper Sparrow	44 -	58 -
Blue-w. Warbler	7 -	32	Dark-eyed Junco	5 L	11 L
Yellow Warbler	321 +	100	Chipping Sparrow	290	100
Magnolia Warbler	10 H	11	Field Sparrow	185	89
Bl.-thr.-Bl. Warbler	2	11	Wh.-thr. Sparrow	3 H	5
Yellow-rump Warbler	1 H(n.c)	5	Swamp Sparrow	23	37
Bl.-thr.-Gr. Warbler	23 H	32 H	Song Sparrow	902	100

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NOTES

A Breeding Population Of the House Finch in Cheektowaga

On June 22nd, 1975 I noticed two pairs of the House Finch (Carpodacus mexicanus) visiting the thistle feeder hanging in our yard which previously had

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A Breeding Population Of the House Finch in Cheektowage, cont.

attracted Goldfinch and Purple Finch. The number increased to three male birds and five females or immature birds until June 30th, when twenty birds, only four of which were identified as males in breeding plumage, were observed. I saw a male feeding an immature bird on two occasions and noticed that the young birds have a continuous loud 'chirp' similar to the House Sparrow when begging for food. I think that if more people put out feeders containing thistle feed, we would receive more records of the House Finch although they are fond of sunflower seeds too.

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Annual Meeting, Federation of New York State Bird Clubs

The 28th Annual Meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs will be held at the Pine Lake Campus of Hartwick College, an 1100 acre sanctuary located about seven miles east of Oneonta, N.Y. Friday through Sunday, September 26-28, 1975. Accommodations at the Pine Lake Campus include a lodge and cabins limited to 36 persons. Bring sleeping bag and towels. Since these accommodations will be most in demand, preference will be given those participants staying Friday and Saturday nights. Cost is \$12.00 per person. An additional 15 persons can be accommodated at Outback Cabins at \$3.00 per night. Bring your own food and do your own cooking. First choice will be given to college and high school students. Send money for room reservations and registration fee of \$5.00 to the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society, Box 544, Oneonta, N.Y. 13820.

Note: For further information concerning meals and accommodations other than those listed above can be obtained from any local Federation member who has received a brochure containing this information from the Host Club.

The Fall Pymatuning Weekend

Date: . . . . .September 27 - 28, 1975.

Arrangements: . . . . .Same as usual -- Saturday at Presque Isle in Erie (Scheduled field trips for those interested departing Cabin No. 3 at 8:15 a.m. and at 10:15 a.m.) -- Saturday night banquet and meeting at Penn Line, Pa. -- Sunday breakfast at the Driftwood Restaurant in Linesville for those who desire it -- Sunday field trips in the Pymatuning area.

Banquet: . . . . .6:30 p.m. Saturday at Penn Line Grange Hall. Ham or turkey at \$3.50 per plate. (Price subject to change.) Send no money but make advance dinner reservations with:

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Linesville, Pa. 16424

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The Fall Pymatuning Weekend cont.

Speaker : . . . . . Mr. James Surman of Chicago, Ill. will present  
"Birds, Animals, and Plants Along Southern Lake Erie."

PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's Club Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

September 10th. Summer birding experiences of members.

September 24th. "Birdwatchers Alaska." In June, eight local birders including Harold Axtell, Paul Benham, Dick Brownstein, Dick Byron, Lewis Kibler, Gail Seamans and Robert and Roger Sundell participated in a fifteen day birding expedition that took them from Anchorage, Alaska to St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Straits and back to Seward and down the Peninsula to Cold Bay near the Aleutian Islands and out to St. Paul's Island in the Pribilofs. A photo documentary you will not want to miss!

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

September 6th North shore of Lake Erie for fall warblers and shore birds. Robert Wagner (tel. 633-8109) leader. Meet at Vermont St. & Busti Avenue entrance to Peace Bridge at 7:30 a.m.

September 28th Tiffet Farm Nature Sanctuary and Times Beach. Robert Andrle, leader. Meet at Times Beach on Fuhrmann Boulevard at 8:00 a.m. Note: In the absence of the leader, the trip will be led by William Vaughan.

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The hot, sunny weather which we enjoyed during the last half of June, continued throughout July with 72% of possible sunshine for the month recorded. The average temperature for the month was 72.3°, 2.2° above normal for the period. Rainfall measured 2.34 inches, 0.59 inches below normal. Prevailing winds were consistently southerly on all but six days. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The reader may weary of the constant references to Times Beach in the north harbor at Buffalo in this column but a quick glance at the noteworthy records for July will give some indication of the attractiveness of this locality for migrating waterfowl, shorebirds and gulls. In July, two very rare migrants, the Marbled Godwit and an adult male Ruff in postnuptial plumage, were seen there. The Ruff was discovered during a B.O.S. Field Trip on the 27th, thrilling over fifteen observers. No less interesting are the increasing number of Little Gulls seen regularly on the mud flats there. Robert Andrie advises that twenty-nine species of shorebirds have been recorded at Times Beach in the past three years and serious thought is now being given to stop the deposit of dredged material from the harbor there by the U.S. Corps of Engineers as a preliminary step in saving the site for an urban wetlands wildlife sanctuary even more unique than the Tifft Farm Nature Preserve a few miles to the south.

A record 1300 Semipalmated Sandpipers in one flock were observed by Harold Axtell on the north shore of Lake Erie at Rose Hill, Ontario on July 22nd.

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Great Egret	July	31	2 Tonawanda WMA(Rte.77)	Balmas
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	"	8	3 Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Andrle, Byron
	"	28	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Bourne, Vaughan
Least Bittern	"	18	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Pintail	"	20	4 Mud Lake, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
American Wigeon	"	8,11,12	2,4,4 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	12	3 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
Redhead	"	<u>11,12,20</u>	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Greater Scaup	"	13	2 Niagara Falls	Andrle, et al.
Common Goldeneye	"	4	1 Crescent Beach, Ont.	Wilcove
Bufflehead	"	<u>20</u>	1 Point Abino, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Hooded Merganser	"	28-30	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, et al.
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	14	1 Amity Lake	Pitzrick
	"	14,21,24,26	1 Alfred	Brooks, Burtons
Semipalm. Plover	"	20F	2 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	27	3,4 Times Beach, Can. Shore, L. Erie	Klabundes, Mitchell, et al.
Black-bell. Plover	"	<u>12F,13,15</u>	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, et al.
Ruddy Turnstone	"	23F	20 Rose Hill, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	27	1,1 Canadian Shore, L. Erie	Klabundes, Mitchell, et al.
Whimbrel	"	25F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Bourne, Foster
Greater Yellowlegs	"	18F	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
	"	27	1 Canadian Shore, L. Erie	Mitchell, Wendling, Wilcove
Lesser Yellowlegs	"	4	15 Crescent Beach, Ont.	Wilcove
	"	10	31 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
Red Knot	"	<u>13F</u>	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Schaffner, Foster, et al.
	"	28	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Byron
	"	31	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	11F	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
	"	27	1,3 Times Beach, Can. Shore, L. Erie	Klabundes, Mitchell, et al.

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Least Sandpiper	July	13	48	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Brownstein
Dunlin	"	<u>10F-30</u>	2-1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Andrle et al.
	"	<u>27</u>	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Klabunde, et al.
Short-b. Dowitcher	"	<u>8F</u>	64	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	10-13-15, 29, 30/18-86	51, 10, 9	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Brownstein	
	"	27	12, 15	Times Beach, Buffalo	Klabundes, Mitchell et al.
	"	25, 28	14, 12	Times Beach, Buffalo	Bourne
* Stilt Sandpiper	"	<u>11F</u> 12-31	5, 1-7	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, Brownstein, et al.
	"	<u>11F</u>	2	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>27</u>	5	Times Beach, Buffalo	Klabundes Mitchell, et al.
	"	28	3	Times Beach, Buffalo	Bourne
Semipalm. Sandpiper	"	10	2	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
	"	22	1300	Rose Hill Rd. (shore) Ont., Axtell	
* Marbled Godwit	"	11	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
* Ruff	"	<u>27F, 28</u>	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Klabunde, et al.
Sanderling	"	<u>11F</u>	12	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	13	2, 3	Windmill, Rockhouse Points, Ont.	Schaffner, Brownstein
	"	22	220	Rose Hill Rd. (shore) Ont. Axtell	
Wilson's Phalarope	"	22F	2	Bay View	Bourne
Bonaparte's Gull	"	13	90	Rockhouse Point, Ont.	Schaffner, Brownstein
	"	29	74	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, et al.
Little Gull	"	<u>27, 30, 31</u>	2, 6, 6	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Klabunde, et al.
	"	<u>29</u>	2	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, et al.
* Forster's Tern	"	<u>31F</u>	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Caspian Tern	"	<u>4F</u>	1	Crescent Beach, Ont.	Wilcove
	"	29	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
	"	30	2	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
Long-eared Owl	"	27	1	East Amherst	Freeland
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	6, 17, 20	1, 1, 1	Rosburg, Town of Amity	Pitzricks
	"	11	1	Farnham	Schaffner
	"	20	1	Belmont	Burtens
	"	22	1	Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg	Bourne
Purple Martin	"	29	1	(albino) Iroquois NWR (Swallow Hollow)	Balmas
Acadian Flycatcher	"	20	1	Abino Hills, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Tufted Titmouse	"	13	1	Hamburg	Bourne
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	1	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
	"	23-27	4-1	Alfred	Brooks
Brown Creeper	"	18	2	Town of Almond	Klingensmith
	"	27	2	Alfred	Brooks
Carolina Wren	"	9-30	1	Hamburg	Bourne
	"	24	1	Belmont	Burtens
	"	30	1	Town of Almond (DOR)	Brooks

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Amer. Robin	July	28	425 Village of Hamburg	Andrle
			(flying to roost)	
E. Bluebird	"	2	2 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	17,23,30	6,1,1 Alfred	Klingensmith
Blue-gr. Gnatcatcher	"	2	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	29	1 Iroquois NWR(SwallowHollow)	Balmas
Northern Waterthrush	"	21F	1 Hamburg	Bourne

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . 246

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 4

Total for year . . . . . 250

1975 NESTING RECORDS - II

Carolina Wren	(Nesting in 9 by 9 carton	Spring Brook	Danner
	6 feet from floor, on shelf, in garage)		
	April 20-24	Building nest ...	
	" 28	N1E	
	May 2	N5E	
	" 18	N4Y	
	" 31	Y03 (1 dead	
Wood Duck	11 bird houses with hatched eggs	Beaver Meadow	Bigelow
Hooded Merganser	4 bird houses with hatched eggs	Beaver Meadow	Bigelow
Cooper's Hawk	July 13	1 adult with N	Keeney Swamp Burtons
	" 25-27	1 adult, 2 YO	Keeney Swamp Burtons
	" 24,25	1 adult, 2YO	Alfred Burtons, Brooks
Common Gallinule	" 18	1 adult, 7YO	Keeney Swamp Burtons
	" 18	1 adult, 3YO	Keeney Swamp Burtons
Belted Kingfisher	" 28	2 adult, 1YO	Amity Lake Pitzricks
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	" 3	2 adult, 4YO	Alfred Klingensmith
Hairy Woodpecker	" 28	1YO	Amity Lake Pitzrick
Gray Catbird	" 13	1 adult, 3YO	Amity Lake Pitzrick
Blue-w. Warbler	" 3	3 adult, 3YO	Amity Lake Pitzrick
Scarlet Tanager	" 11	1 adult, 1YO	Amity Lake Pitzrick
Rose-br. Grosbeak(1)	" 3	4 adult, 3YO	Amity Lake Pitzrick
(2)	" 28	2 adult, 2YO	Amity Lake Pitzrick
Field Sparrow	" 14	2 adult, 2YO	Amity Lake Pitzrick

1975 NESTING RECORDS - III

Farmersville Station, N.Y.

Compiled by - Donald F. Clark

Little Green Heron May 14 Adult on nest First nest ever found in a Larch Tree on this property

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Little Green Heron	June 22	Banded one young that fell out of nest - replaced in nest
"	26	Nest empty
Little Green Heron	May 18	Adult on nest
	June 11	4Y
Wood Duck	May 26	Adult on nest
	June 2	♀ with 3Y swimming under nest box
Mallard	May 11	Adult on nest
	19	Nest destroyed (opossum)
Hooded Merganser	May 16	Adult on nest
	June 16	Nest empty - looks like eggs hatched successfully
E. Phoebe	May 1	Building
	9	Adult on nest
	11	3E plus 1 B.h Cowbird egg-removed
	19	5E
	21	4E plus 1 B.h.-Cowbird egg
	June 2	3Y -removed B.h. Cowbird fledgling
	11	3Y
	15	2Y
	16	Nest empty - intact
E. Phoebe	June 26	4E (Same nest as above)
	July 9	Adult on nest
	12	4Y
	Aug. 1	Nest empty - intact
Blue Jay	May 11	Adult on nest
	21	Adult on nest
House Wren	July 8	4Y
House Wren	May 24	4E
R-w. Blackbird	May 26	4E
Northern Oriole	May 20	Building
	June 16	Adults feeding young
C. Grackle	May 23	5E
Tree Swallow	May 26	6E
Tree Swallow	May 26	7E

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Tree Swallow	May 26	6E	
Tree Swallow	May 26	5E	
Tree Swallow	May 23	6E	
Tree Swallow	May 22	4E	
	June 16	5Y	
Tree Swallow	May 26	6E	
	June 16	5Y	
Tree Swallow	May 23	2E	
	June 16	Nest covered by H.Wren nest	
Tree Swallow	May 23	6E	
Tree Swallow	May 22	4E	Lifted female to count eggs
	June 16	5Y	
Tree Swallow	May 22	4E	Lifted female to count eggs
	June 16	4Y	
Am. Robin	May 13	Adult on nest	
	15	4E	
	19	4E	
	21	Nest destroyed	
Am. Robin	May 20	Building	
	June 11	3Y	
	16	Parents excited near nest	
Am. Robin	May 24	Building	
	June 16	Nest destroyed	

Remarks:

More nests were located this year than last but the number of nests is still below the average. There have been approximately 50% fewer nests found since Hurricane Agnes hit this area in June, 1972.

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NOTES

Notice of Annual Meeting of Members of  
The Buffalo Ornithological Society, Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of members of The Buffalo Ornithological Society, Inc., a Not-For-Profit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York will be held at the Buffalo Museum of Science, Humboldt Park, Buffalo, New York at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8th, 1975 for the purpose of (a) electing officers for the ensuing year; (b) electing members to the Council to fill all vacancies then existing; (c) fixing the dues of members for the coming year and (d) transacting any and all other corporate business which may come before the meeting.

Ann Bauer, Secretary

Important Notice!

Effective immediately, Mr. David B. Freeland will assume the duties of compiler of bird records for the society. Henceforth, all observers should mail their records to Mr. Freeland at 60 Haymarket Square, East Amherst, N.Y. 14051.

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Mr. Freeland succeeds Mr. Robert Wagner in this most important post. The Society wishes to extend its thanks to Mr. Wagner for his painstaking work as compiler since March, 1973.

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POSSIBLE NESTING SITE OF HOUSE FINCHES

In Volume 30, Number 7 (July 1973) of The Prothonotary, I described attempts to locate a nest of the House Finch on Greenaway Road, Eggertsville, culminating in the discovery of a fledgling being fed by a parent bird. However, neither at that time nor in the succeeding years has an actual nest been located. On June 7, 1975, I observed a pair of House Finches gathering nesting materials on Greenaway Road. The female, accompanied by the male, brought the material to a large blue spruce at 139 Greenaway Road. After approximately thirty minutes of observation, I was satisfied that a nest was being constructed about thirty feet up and two feet from the trunk of the spruce. The density of the branches prevented me from actually seeing the nest, and I was unable to return to the locality for further study.

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PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are to be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's Club Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

October 8th: Annual Meeting. Election of officers and members of B.O.S. Council for coming year. Dr. Robert Andrie will give an illustrated lecture on the Tiffet Farm Nature Preserve and the Times Beach wetlands, unique sanctuaries for wildlife in heavily populated Buffalo.

October 22nd: Program to be announced.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

October 12th: October Bird Count. Bob and Pauline Schwartz, leaders. Call leaders at 832-5369 for assignment of territories.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler, Mr. David B. Freeland, 60 Haymarket Square, East Amherst, N.Y. 14051.

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## THE MONTH

August was cloudy, wet and humid with 8.49 inches of rain, 4.96 inches above normal for the period, recorded. Heavy downpours of 2.04 inches on the 24th and 2.31 inches on the 29th, caused local flooding. The average temperature for the month was 69.7°, 1.3° above average. Only 52% of possible sunshine for the period was recorded although the high temperature for the year for Buffalo, 92°, occurred on the first and second days of August. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

In spite of the gloomy ending to the idyllic summer weather we had enjoyed since May, bird migration was excellent with small passerines in their autumn passage everywhere in evidence following cold fronts on the 6th and 22nd of the month. Several noteworthy records deserve mention here. An adult male Cinnamon Teal, in changing plumage, was seen by Bill Rebovich at the Ring-neck Marsh on Sour Springs Road in the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge on the 25th. It is possibly the same adult male of this species seen by Mr. Rebovich on a pond at the New York State Tonawanda Game Management Area in Genesee County on June 19th; excellent photographs of that bird in breeding plumage were obtained. Mr. Rebovich also reported an immature or female Yellow-headed Blackbird from the marsh near the permit station on the New York State Tonawanda Game Management Area on N.Y. Route #77 in the Town of Royalton in Niagara County on the 23rd. A Marbled Godwit, the second for the season in this area was reported by Robert Sundell from Prendergast Point on Chautauqua Lake on August 30th. David Freeland discovered two American Avocets at Times Beach on the 26th which were seen by a number of local birders later on that date. As many as six Franklin's Gulls and twelve Little Gulls were seen at this location during the month.

A new location for the House Finch, in the city of Olean in Cattaraugus County, was reported. As many as eleven birds of this species, including six young out of the nest, were seen between August 14th and 16th.

Joseph F. Thill, 36 Allegany Avenue, Kenmore, New York 14217



- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	August	1-16	1 Mayville, Chautauqua L.	Sundell
Great Egret	"	14	1 Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg	Elderkins
Least Bittern	"	13	1 East Eden Pond	Bourne
Canada Goose	"	17	10 Hamburg	Skrzypek
Mallard	"	15	125 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
Gadwall	"	<u>9</u>	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Hauser
Pintail	"	26F	1-3 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Freeland, Schaffner, et al.
	"	26	3 Iroquois NWR	Andrles
	"	27	6 Oak Orchard GMA	Freeland
Green-w. Teal	"	26F	1-3 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Freeland, Schaffner, et al.
Blue-w. Teal	"	26	61 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
* <u>Cinnamon Teal</u>	"	25	1 Iroquois NWR	Rebovich, Carroll
Shoveler	"	27F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Mitchell
Redhead	"	26	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>26</u>	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrles
Hooded Merganser	"	<u>1</u>	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
	"	1	2 Amity Lake	Pitzrick
	"	15	1 Almond	Burtens
Sharp-sh. Hawk	"	31	1 Belmont	Burtens
Cooper's Hawk	"	18	1 Prendergast Pt., Chautauqua L.	Sundell
Marsh Hawk	"	20	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
Osprey	"	22F	1 Allegheny Reservoir	Schwartz
	"	23	1 Over Hamburg Airport	Bourne
	"	31	1 Knowlesville Rd., Tonawanda WMA	Wendling
Semipalm. Plover	"	17	21 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
* Amer. Golden Plover	"	17F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
	"	20	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Bourne
	"	23	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner

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Solitary Sandpiper	August	12F	2	Prendergast Hatchery, Chautauqua L.	Elderkin
"	"	25	1	Amherst	Freeland
Red Knot	"	16-22	2-3	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
*Baird's Sandpiper	"	20F	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Bourne
"	"	23	1	Greenhurst, Chautauqua L.	Sundell
"	"	22-31	1	Prendergast Pt., Chautauqua L.	Suncell
Dunlin	"	<u>2,9,17</u>	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	<u>20-23</u>	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, et al.
Short-b. Dowitcher	"	<u>5,20</u>	1,2	Prendergast Hatchery, Chautauqua L.	Elderkin
"	"	3	12	Times Beach, Buffalo	Wagner, Filor
"	"	27	6	Times Beach, Buffalo	Mitchell
Stilt Sandpiper	"	3	3	Times Beach, Buffalo	Wagner, Filor
"	"	12,26	1,2	Prendergast Pt., Chautauqua L.	Elderkin
"	"	27	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Mitchell
Marbled Godwit	"	30	1	Prendergast Pt., Chautauqua L.	Sundell, Elderkin, et al.
*American Avocet	"	26F	2	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, Schaffner, et al.
Franklin's Gull	"	<u>5F</u>	1	Near Athol Springs	Bourne
"	"	<u>10</u>	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
"	"	13,17,26,29	1-6	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	26	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Freeland
"	"	27	2	Times Beach, Buffalo	Mitchell
Bonaparte's Gull	"	17	3500	(max.) Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	23	5000	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner
Little Gull	"	<u>1-17</u>	3-12	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	29	10	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	<u>10,14</u>	4,8	Times Beach	Schaffner
"	"	27	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Mitchell
Forster's Tern	"	9	1	Near Bay View	Bourne
"	"	<u>16,17</u>	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner, et al.
"	"	27	1	Times Beach, Buffalo	Mitchell
Caspian Tern	"	1,9,17	2	Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	7	4	Times Beach, Buffalo	Bourne
"	"	16,17,23	2-4	Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
"	"	17	1	Iroquois NWR (Cayuga Pool)	McKales
"	"	23	2	Greenhurst, Chautauqua L.	Sundell
Black Tern	"	17	350	(max.) Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle, et al.
"	"	23	2000	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner
Whip-poor-will	"	11	1	Hamburg	Bourne
Common Nighthawk	"	25	55	Town of Amherst (migrant flock)	Freeland

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Chimney Swift	August	23	150 Mather Park, Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	3,10	1,2 Town of Amity	Pitzricks
	"	4,10	1 Belmont	Burtions, Caster- line
	"	17	2 Tonawanda WMA	McKales
	"	28	1 N. Creek Rd., Hamburg	Bourne
Eastern Kingbird	"	21	78 Barcelona	Sundell
Yellow-b. Flycatcher	"	23F	1 Barcelona	Sundell
	"	31	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Acadian Flycatcher	"	2,13	2,1 Abino Hills, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Least Flycatcher	"	11F	2 Eggertsville	McKales
	"	14	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
Barn Swallow	"	17	130 (max.) Amity Lake	Pitzricks
Tufted Titmouse	"	10-31	2 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	19	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Red-br. Nuthatch	"	11F	1 Eggertsville	McKales
	"	16-31	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
			(several later-records from various localities)	
Carolina Wren	"	2-29	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	10-31	2-7 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	13	2 Abino Hills, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	13,20,22	1 Belmont	Burtions
	"	21	5 Barcelona	Sundell
			(2 adults, 3 fledglings)	
	"	23	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Schaffner
Amer. Robin	"	12	1225 Town of Hamburg	Andrles
			(flying to roost in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour)	
Hermit Thrush	"	15F	1 Eggertsville	McKales
	"	21	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Swainson's Thrush	"	14F	2 Eggertsville	McKales
	"	21	6 Barcelona	Sundell
Veery	"	12F	1 Cheektowaga	Schwartz
	"	21	20 Barcelona	Sundell
Eastern Bluebird	"	5	11 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
			(4 adult, 7 YO)	
Blue-gr. Gnatcatcher	"	16F	2 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	27	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Andrle
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	"	29F	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Philadelphia Vireo	"	21F, 23	1 Barcelona	Sundell
	"	22	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
	"	25	3 Hamburg	Skrzypek
	"	28	2 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Black-&-White Warbler	"	2F	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	18	1 Eggertsville	McKales

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"Brewster's" Warbler August	31L	1 Amity Lake	Pitzrick
Tennessee Warbler	14F	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
"	20	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Nashville Warbler	13F	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	19	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Magnolia Warbler	10F	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	14	2 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
"	14	1 Eggertsville	McKales
Cape May Warbler	8F	2 Village of Hamburg	Andrle
"	16	6 Stow	Sundell
"	16	1 Village of Hamburg	Andrle
Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	16F	2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	17	1 Eggertsville	McKales
Yellow-rumped Warbler	16F	2 Stow	Sundell
"	17	3 Belmont	Burtens
Bl.-thr.Gr. Warbler	9F, 10	2 East Amherst	Freeland
"	11	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
Blackburnian Warbler	9F, 10	2, 1 East Amherst	Freeland
"	11	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
Chestnut-S. Warbler	18F	1 Eggertsville	McKales
"	18F	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	21	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Bay-br. Warbler	13F	2 Eggertsville	McKales
"	16	1 Celoron	Sundell
"	16	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	16	2 Spring Brook	Danner
Blackpoll Warbler	19F	1 East Amherst	Freeland
"	22	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Ovenbird	18F	1 Eggertsville	McKales
Nor. Waterthrush	12F	1 Eggertsville	McKales
"	16	1 Spring Brook	Danner
La. Waterthrush	21L	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Mourning Warbler	4F	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
Hooded Warbler	26F	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
Wilson's Warbler	20F, 23	1, 4 East Amherst	Freeland
Canada Warbler	9F	1 East Amherst	Freeland
"	12	1 Eggertsville	McKales
*Yellow-hd. Blackbird	23F	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich, Carroll
Northern Oriole	21	26 Barcelona	Sundell
House Finch	1-31	1-10 Cheektowaga	Schwartz
"	14-16	Up to 11 Olean	Forness, Woodard,
		(includes up to 6 YO)	et al.

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 256  
 Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 5

Total for year . . . . . 261

CORRIGENDA

Gremlins have invaded the 'Noteworthy Records' section of this newsletter since January, 1975 with resulting omissions and consequent mistakes in addition giving an erroneous total for the number of bird species observed and the first records for the year. The editor is indebted to our able statistician, Frances Rew whose "fingers did the walking" through the records of the past eight months to make the following corrections.

Prothonotary Vol. 41:2, Page 20 - 'Other species reported'; add Canvasback and Herring Gull; change 'Species, subspecies...recorded' from 103 to 105.

Vol. 41:3, Page 29 - Add asterik (\*) in front of Killdeer; change 'Species, subspecies...recorded' from 12 to 13 and 'Total for year' to 118.

Vol. 41:4, Page 49 - Change 'Total for year' to 136.

Vol. 41:5, Page 64 - Add asterik (\*) in front of Rufous-s. Towhee and Vesper Sparrow. Change 'Species, subspecies...recorded' from 45 to 47 and 'Total for year' to 183.

Vol. 41:6, Page 85 - Add asterik (\*) in front of Snowy Egret, Sanderling and Yellow-b. Cuckoo.  
Page 86 - Add asterik (\*) in front of Yellow-b. Flycatcher, Acadian Flycatcher, Mourning Warbler, Orchard Oriole and Grasshopper Sparrow.  
Page 81 - Change 'Species, subspecies...recorded' from 63 to 65 and 'Total for year' to 248.

Vol. 41:7, Page 94 - Change 'Total for year' to 252.

Vol. 41:8, Page 104 - Change 'Total for year' to 256.

ERRATA

The editor appreciates any typographical errors or omissions being called to his attention by the observant reader.

Prothonotary Vol. 41:4, Page 44:

*American Bittern	March 9F	1 Forest Lawn Cemetery should read:
*American Bittern	March <u>6F</u>	

Vol. 41:5, Page 57:

"Two reports of sightings of Cattle Egrets in the Town of Kiantone and near Frewsburg, in Chautauqua County.." should read:

"Two observers reported sighting a Cattle Egret in the Town of Kiantone in Chautauqua County..."

Vol. 41:5, Page 71:

Dr. and Mrs. M.S. Leonard should read:

Dr. and Mrs. R.D. Leonard

#### 1975 NESTING RECORDS - IV

Compiled by Vivian Pitzrick

Unless otherwise designated, nests were at Lat. 42° 13' Long. 77° 59' 5 mi. North of Scio, Allegany Co., N.Y.

Red-tailed Hawk, First nesting El. 1960 ft., Red Oak-Hornbeam Deciduous woods, in Red Oak, 30 ft. up. Mar. 16 1 Ad on. 2nd. Ad near. March 28 1 Ad in area. No green boughs. Apr. 15 N. in disrepair, deserted. (Same N used last year.)

Red-tailed Hawk, Second Nesting El. 1960 ft., in White Oak-Ash Deciduous woods 1/8 mile from first N, in White Oak, 50 ft. up. Apr. 15 Fresh boughs of pine on N which Ad apparently just left. Ad on or 2 Ad overhead, agitated through June 13. No further visits.

Red-tailed Hawk, El. 1960 ft., in Red and White Oak - White Ash Deciduous woods, in White Oak, 45 ft. up. Mar. 7 Building. Fresh hemlock boughs on N. At each visit thru May 18 Ad on N; Fresh Hemlock boughs on N. Through July 14 1 to 2 Ad in N. area. No further visits.

Black-billed Cuckoo El. 1720, in Fallow Field, Thorn and Gray-barked Dogwood, in Thorn tree crotch, 3.9 ft. up. June 3 Ad. on. 1 very pale blue egg. June 6 1 Ad near N. I stayed away from N. June 7 Broken egg shell in slightly damaged N.

Great Horned Owl 2 mi. S. of Scio, Lat. 42° 08', Long. 77° 58', El. 1500 ft., in Hedgerow between river and cultivated field, Black Willow and Dead Elm habitat, in Dead Elm stub, 25 ft. up.

Apr. 1 3 Yo. in N. -- unusual number, seen by Paul Fuller, Scio, N.Y., and reported to me.

Apr. 9 3 Yo in N., Ad on but left. Could see two Yo. faces. 3rd Yo was crouched in N. so only downy back showed. 2nd Ad across river, mobbed by crows

Apr. 27 1 Yo still in N., large, still downy.

May 8 N. empty, apparently intact. Crows mobbing something across river.

Eastern Kingbird El. 1800 in Fallow Field, Thorn-Gray-bark Dogwood, in Thorn, 7.5 ft. up. June 3 2 E., June 4 3 E., June 22 3 Yo.

July 4 3 Yo in tree near N., 2 Ad. near.

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- Eastern Kingbird El. 1530. 1 mi. No. of Scio, in Fallow field, Thorn-Red Clover, on Thorn branch, 7.9 ft. up. June 8 New N. No E. 2 Ad. near agitated. June 22 3 E. Ad on. July 13 3 Yo on branches of tree near N. 2 Ad near.
- Eastern Kingbird El. 1640, in Fallow Field, Gray-bark Dogwood-Goldenrod, on lowest branch of 14 ft. Chokeberry bush, 6.8 ft. up. May 31 2 Ad carrying material to site. June 7 1 E. June 16 3 E. Ad. on. July 3 3 Yo. with wing feathers out of sheath. July 9 2 Ad 3 Yo near N. area.
- Eastern Kingbird 6 mi. NE of Cobleskill, Schoharie Co., New York, El. 1200 ft., Lat.  $42^{\circ} 45'$ , Long.  $74^{\circ} 30'$ , at Roadside between Cemetery and Road, Lawn grass-Hemlock habitat, on Hemlock branch 20 ft. up. July 2 2 Ad. carried food to unknown no. of Yo. in N. Outcome unknown as not revisited.
- Eastern Phoebe 25 nests documented, between 1 and 8 mi. North of Scio. All on girders under highway bridges except one on a shelf in a niche in a rock cliff, El. from 1480 ft. to 1766 ft., 6 N. parasited by Cowbird, from 3.0 ft. (this one washed away by creek flooding in early June,) to 9.6 ft. up. From 95 eggs Probable Yo. fledged: 62 (1 N. still incomplete.)
- Tree Swallow 16 N. documented. El. 1611 ft. to 1800 ft., fallow fields, all in Bluebird boxes on protected posts. From 74 Eggs, Probable Yo. fledged: 60.
- Barn Swallows Scarce this year. Only 4 nests documented. 10 Yo. fledged. 2 N. incomplete.
- House Wren Explosion 28 N. documented, all in boxes.
- Am. Robin only 40 N. documented with 3 incomplete. (51 last year)
- E. Bluebird 7 mi. E of Scio, Lat.  $42^{\circ} 14'$ , Long.  $77^{\circ} 59'$ , dooryard, Grass-Soft Maple, in Nest box on fence post, 4.3 ft. up. May 17 5 Eggs, Ad. on. 2nd Ad. near. (Summer home of Myron (Dutch) Maine. El. 2203 ft.)
- E. Bluebird, 3rd nesting El. 1625, Fallow Field, Grass-Goldenrod, in N. box on metal pipe, 5.0 ft. up. July 2 4 E. July 11 only 1 Yo. in N. 2 Ad. feeding. July 17 2 Ad. feeding Yo in N. July 21 N. empty -- must have been robbed.
- E. Bluebird, First nesting (same pair as above,) same box as 3rd nesting. May 20, 23 5 E. Ad. on, 2nd Ad. near. May 28 2 E. in N., cold. 1 E. on ground with hole in side. Nest damaged.
- E. Bluebird, Second Nesting, El. 1625, Dooryard, Lawn Grass-Soft Maple, Bluebird Box on metal pole, 7.2 ft. up. June 7, 10 building and entering box. June 14 3 E. Owner saw House Sparrows go into box, rushed out. 2 E. on ground and 1 E. in N. with hole in it.
- E. Bluebird, 2 El. 1750, Fallow field, Grass-Thorn, on Fence Post 3.8 ft. up. First Bx 11 nesting. Apr. 20 building. May 7 Nest deserted.
- E. Bluebird 2 Second Nesting. El. 1760, Fallow Field, Pin Cherry-Thorn, Bluebird Bx 13 box on Pin Cherry Tree, 5.0 ft. up. May 2 N. looks complete. May 5 4 E. May 7 5 E. Ad. on. May 21 5 Yo. May 31 4 Yo. June 3 Well feathered Yo. still in N. June 7 N. empty, damaged. Tree below box scraped and nesting material adhering to bark.
- E. Bluebird 3 First Nesting, El. 1630, Fallow Field, Grass-Thorn, Box on Iron post, 4.9 ft. up. Apr. 23 Building. May 5 3 E., May 7 5 E. ♀ on. ♂ carrying food to box. May 21 5 Yo. June 8 3 Yo. left N. in cold rain. Com. Grackle attacked one Yo. in flight. It recovered. ♂ with 2 Yo. seen later.



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Where are ♀ and other Yo? (Later saw ♀ but only 2 Yo.) Barometer rising.  
Dead "grubs" in box under nesting material. Did rotenone dusting before the nesting, kill them?

E. Bluebird<sub>3</sub> Second nesting El. 1700 ft. Fallow Field, Goldenrod-Grass, in  
Box 5 Nest Box on pole with metal sleeve, 5.1 ft. up. June 24 4 E. Ad. on.  
July 9 4 Yo. July 25 Nest empty, intact. 2 Ad. and at least 3 Yo. near box.

E. Bluebird<sub>4</sub> El. 1640 ft. Fallow Field, Gray-bark Dogwood-Elm Saplings, Bluebird  
box on Elm sapling with metal sleeve, 5.3 ft. up. May 31 N. well started.  
Box 14 No Ad. June 7 4 E. warm. No Ad. June 9 5 E. Ad. on. June 22 4 Yo.  
July 9 2 well feathered Yo still in box. July 14 1 infertile E. in N.  
2 AD and at least 1 Yo. out of N. nearby.

E. Bluebird El. 1820 ft., Fallow Field, Thorn-Gray-bark Dogwood, in Nest box on  
Box 10 pole with metal sleeve, 5.0 ft. up June 16 2 Ad. near as I put box in new  
(new location) location. June 22 N. well started. July 3 4 E. July 14 3 Yo.,  
July 29 2 Ad. with 3 Yo. out of N. near box. (Note: July 19 Bottom of box  
under N., boiling with 3/8 in. gray grubs. I removed N. with Yo., wrapping  
in handkerchief. Cleaned box, dusting with rotenone. Replaced N. + Yo.)  
Nesting Successful!

Red-eyed Vireo El. 1625, Deciduous Woods, Soft Maple-Poplar, in Soft Maple,  
15 ft. up. June 4 1 Ad. carried tiny twig to N. and worked it in. June 12  
Ad Ad. on. Can't see into N. even with mirror. July 18 Nest empty, intact,  
looking much used.

Red-eyed Vireo El. 1800 ft., Deciduous Woods, Poplar-Thorn, Thorn branch, 4.5 ft.  
up. July 21 2 E. Ad. on. July 28 N. on ground below site. Hole through  
SP bottom. Apparently N. was torn from site--bits of grass still on bough. No E.

Indigo Bunting El. 1800 ft., Fallow Field, Raspberry-Grass, Woven between upright  
stems of Raspberry, 2.8 ft. up. May 27 Building. May 31 2 E. (E. white  
SL and clear) June 3 4 E. June 14 2 Yo. June 19 4 Yo. July 3 Nest torn  
away. Predation failure.

Purple Finch El. 1875, Fallow Field, Thorn-Goldenrod (the nearest and only  
T conifer is about 100 ft. away), in a Thorn shrub, 2.6 ft. up. (Very low.)  
July 19 Ad. on. 3 Blue eggs heavily blotched with reddish brown. Ad. heavi-  
ly streaked -- not a Song Sparrow or Savannah (bigger.) July 21, 28 3 E. Ad.  
on. Can see only head of bird on N. -- almost white line over eye (Purple  
Finch?)

First for me.

July 29 Ad. on. 3 eggs. It is a Purple Finch! -- unusual nest location.  
Now I recall a ♂ singing in area earlier. Nesting Incomplete.

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BREEDING BIRD SURVEY AT BLEY WOODS

by Marcy Foster

Bley Woods is a mature upland Beech-Maple-Hemlock woodland of about fifty acres located at the southern boundary of the Village of Hamburg on the southern side of Eighteen-mile Creek. The size of the study area is 22.39 acres (9.1 ha) and it was laid out with a compass and a one hundred foot tape within the woodland. Peripheral trees are marked at about a five foot height with orange paint. The elevation of the study area is 810 feet above sea level in the southeastern corner sloping gently downward about 10 feet to the northwest until near the west edge elevation drops sharply to the floodplain of the creek. The floodplain woodland is similar to that on the study area and the plain extends for about two hundred feet before reaching the water's edge. There is no visible "edge effect" in regard to birds on the study area perimeter. From 50 to 200 feet from the study area on the eastern and southern sides there are lawns, younger trees, brush piles and bushy areas. There were frequent intrusions onto the tract by Cardinals and House Wrens from these sections.

For the duration of the census period standing water was present in the eastern half of the plot covering about an acre at depths of from two to three feet. Some standing water in the southeastern corner was drained by a ditch which closely follows the southern border of the plot. Birds appeared to congregate in this cleared corridor during trips made in the winter and early spring.

Throughout most of the study area dense understory and fallen logs make travel a bit difficult and noisy except in stands of Eastern Hemlock. In the northeastern corner, second growth Sugar Maples and Beech form a complete canopy and little vegetation grows on the twig and branch littered forest floor.

The dominant canopy trees are Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum), Beech (Fagus grandifolia), and Eastern Hemlock (Tsuga canadensis). These range from 65 feet to 80 feet in height. Other trees in the top story are Red Oak (Quercus rubra), Red Maple (Acer rubrum), Black Cherry (Prunus serotina), White Pine (Pinus strobus), Yellow Birch (Betula lutea), and Tulip Tree (Liriodendron tulipifera). I found the understory to be predominately saplings of the canopy plus Witch Hazel (Hamamelis virginiana), Hop Hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana), and shrubs of Spice-bush (Lindera benzoin) and Mapleleaf Viburnum (Viburnum acerifolium). Groundcover varies greatly through Bley Woods. In some areas, American Yew (Taxus canadensis) forms large patches; other sections are blanketed with Tree Clubmoss (Lycopodium obscurum), wildflowers and ferns. A few of the species of wildflowers identified were the Sharp-lobed Hepatica (Hepatica acutiloba), Spring Beauty (Claytonia virginica), Blue Cohosh (Caulophyllum thalictroides), May Apple (Podophyllum peltatum), Jack-in-the-Pulpit (Arisaema atrorubens), False Solomon's Seal (Smilacina racemosa), and Indian Cucumber-root (Nedea virginiana). Added to this list are a number of endangered plants in the Niagara Frontier region. These are Squirrel-corn (Dicentra canadensis), Solomon's Seal (Polygonatum biflorum), Partridgeberry

(Mitchella repens), Trout Lily (Erythronium americanum), Painted Trillium (Trillium undulatum), White Trillium (Trillium grandiflorum), and the Red Trillium (Trillium erectum). Several species of ferns were found during the census period. Some were the Royal Fern (Osmunda regalis), Marginal Woodfern (Dryopteris marginalis), Ostrich Fern (Matteuccia Struthiopteris), Christmas Fern (Polystichum acrostichoides), Crested Fern (Dryopteris cristata), Sensitive Fern (Onoclea sensibilis), New York Fern (Thelypteris noveboracensis), Lady Fern (Athyrium Filix-femina), Male Fern (Dryopteris Filix-mas), and Spinulose Woodfern (Dryopteris spinulosa).

Weather conditions during the first week in June were unfavorable because of high winds, so the first census was made on 9 June 1975. Subsequent trips were on 10,11,13,17,19,20,21 and 27 June. Temperatures in the study area on these days ranged from 48° to 72° F. All census days were fair with one exception when a thunderstorm interrupted the trip temporarily. The wind velocity averaged 6 miles per hour and never exceeded 10 miles per hour (National Weather Service data.)

I began taking trips in January 1975 to acquaint myself with the area. From January through May twenty-five trips were made and a total of sixty-nine bird species noted. Of this number, sixteen were found to be territorial species during the breeding survey period. Visitors on the plot during the survey period numbered ten.

Listed below are the territorial males in order of decreasing abundance. Following each species, in parentheses, are males per sq km and males per 100 acres.

Starling	8 (88, 36)	Blue Jay	2 (22, 9)
American Robin	6 (66, 27)	Crow	2 (22, 9)
Eastern Wood Pewee	5 (55, 22)	Screech Owl	1 (11, 4.5)
Red-eyed Vireo	5 (55, 22)	White-breasted Nuthatch	1 (11, 4.5)
Black-capped Chickadee	3 (33, 13)	Wood Thrush	1 (11, 4.5)
Common Flicker	2 (22, 9)	American Redstart	1 (11, 4.5)
Downy Woodpecker	2 (22, 9)	Scarlet Tanager	1 (11, 4.5)
Great Crested Flycatcher	2 (22, 9)	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1 (11, 4.5)

Visitors in the study areas during the census period:

Common Grackle	11	Brown-headed Cowbird	2
Wood Duck	3	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
House Wren	3	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1
Cardinal	3	Least Flycatcher	1
Crow	2	Winter Wren	1

Species heard regularly in surrounding areas during census period:

Mourning Dove  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Gray Catbird  
Wood Thrush

Indigo Bunting  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Song Sparrow

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There were a total of 16 species and 43 territorial males (473/km<sup>2</sup>, 192 per 100 acres) in the study area within Bley Woods. Of the sixteen territorial species, seven are "cavity" nesters. With several dead elms and other decayed or dead tree species still standing, Bley Woods is an ideal breeding area for such birds. Only two nests were found, though, besides the Starling colony. One was of a White-breasted Nuthatch and the other a Common Flicker. They shared the same tree, a live maple!

The Sharp-shinned Hawk and Winter Wren listed in the visitor section of the census information each hold a status of "rare" summer resident in Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region by Clark S. Beardslee and Harold D. Mitchell. The Sharp-shinned Hawk was seen in Bley Woods on 16, 23, and 29 April and once during the census period on 21 June. Each time the hawk was hunting within the study area. Winter Wrens were seen on five different trips during April, but not again until 17 June when one was found singing in the central part of the study area.

Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Hairy Woodpeckers and Tufted Titmice were all seen frequently during winter and spring trips but did not appear during the census period. These permanent residents of Bley Woods may either be more secretive than other early nesting species (thereby escaping detection) or they perhaps chose sections of the woods outside the study area to breed.

The New York State Museum Handbook 16 entitled Ecology of the Birds of Quaker Run Valley, Allegany State Park, New York by Aretas A. Saunders contains a breeding bird study of a mature Maple-Beech-Hemlock Forest. The densities there of White-breasted Nuthatch, Wood Thrush, Red-eyed Vireo, American Redstart and Scarlet Tanager were similar to those in the Bley Woods study area, but a much higher density of Eastern Wood Pewees was found in the latter location. Quaker Run possessed a density of 1.6 Wood Pewees per 100 acres, while within the Bley study area there were 5 territorial males in 22.39 acres (22 per 100 acres.) The drainage ditch, cattail pond and fallen tree clearings within the study area produced several open spaces surrounded by large trees, which may be a contributing factor to such a high density of this species.

I hoped that a few more species of warblers such as Black-throated Green Warbler and Ovenbird would breed in the study area as they do in the Quaker Run tract. Possibly the small size of the Bley forest had something to do with this, or perhaps its location close to built-up areas and consequent human disturbance within the tract was a factor involved. Besides being isolated from human population centers the Allegany State Park woodland is 504 acres and lies within an extensive,

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largely forested valley supporting a high number and variety of woodland warblers.

I would like to thank Dr. R. F. Andrle for suggestions and his reading of my paper and my husband, Dick, for plotting the study area and photographing the habitat with me.

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#### NOTES

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Those people whom Michael Fitzpatrick, of the Detroit Audubon Society, called on, on two different trips this year were not only quite helpful, but most obliging and pleased to have been called. All in all, the guide has proven to be a worthwhile piece of "travel equipment".

To get your copy, send \$1.00 to Nature Guide, 34915 4th Ave., South, Federal Way, Washington 980002.

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- October 22nd: Panel discussion on present and future goals of the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Members are urged to attend and participate by voicing their suggestions for projects or changes.
- November 12th: John Wiessinger, resident bird artist at the Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, will talk on bird painting and sculpturing.
- November 26th: No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

#### PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- November 16th: Niagara Loop Trip. Mary Louise Emerson, leader. (tel. 885-0067) We will meet at the Vermont Street-Busti Avenue entrance to the Peace Bridge at 8:00 a.m.

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## THE MONTH

September was cloudy and cool with an average temperature of  $58.3^{\circ}$ ,  $3.3^{\circ}$  below normal. Rainfall measured 2.44 inches, 0.81 inches below normal. Only 47% of possible sunshine for the month was recorded. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

It is difficult not to resort to superlatives in describing the bird migration in September. A succession of cold fronts throughout the period kept most area birders visiting their favorite haunts to record new arrivals almost daily. Elsewhere in these pages the records of major bird kills at the television towers in the elevated areas of southern Erie County during the month of September are printed, including a record high kill on the 24th. All of these kills occurred during migration on cloudy, overcast nights and yielded some surprises including a rare Yellow Rail recovered at the base of the WGR television tower in the Town of Wales on the 25th and a Kentucky Warbler at this same location on the 24th.

By September 22nd, the upper Niagara River was filled with migrating ducks and gulls. Between the 22nd and the 29th, 10,000 Bonaparte's Gulls were counted near the Peace Bridge by Harold Axtell and others; in their midst a Sabine's Gull was seen on the 22nd as well as a flock of sixty Northern Phalarope! This is the first time such large numbers of this species have been recorded in this area away from the major flyway on Lake Ontario. Large flocks of Sanderlings were observed feeding on the broad lawns adjacent to the Peace Bridge and the Parkway to the old Fort Erie between the 6th, when Robert Andrie counted 450 birds and the 20th days of the month. It was also an opportunity for birders to obtain excellent looks at immature Franklin's Gulls and Red Knots among the other gulls and shorebirds gathered on these grassy areas to feed at that time.



Reports from Hamilton and Toronto, Ontario alerted us to a major movement of Hudsonian Godwits through the lower lakes region in September. Up to 61 Hudsonian Godwits were seen near Hamilton in the last week of September with other flocks observed near Toronto and Detroit. On the 27th, Marcy Foster observed seven birds of this species resting on the mud flats at Times Beach. Other records of interest include a Western Kingbird seen at Bay View near Hamburg on the 7th and a Worm-eating Warbler at Lakeside Cemetery in Hamburg on the 8th.

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# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

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Horned Grebe	September	12F,28	1,1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell, Andrle, et al.
"	"	27	11 Barcelona	Sundell
Pied-billed Grebe	"	29-30	41 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Great Blue Heron	"	29-30	41 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Great Egret	"	4,26	2,1 Iroquois NWR	Howard, Morse
Black-cr. Night Heron	"	5,9,19	1,4,2 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	6,13	5,4 Tiff Farm Nature Preserve	Andrle, et al.
Least Bittern	"	14	1 Iroquois NWR	McKales
Canada Goose	"	9F	16 Cuba Lake	Burtens
"	"	23	50 Times Beach	Freeland
"	"	26,	3400, Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	29-30	2600	
"	"	26,27	135,266 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	26,28	40,111 Allegany Co. Wellsville	Pitzricks
"	"	26	150 Lake View	Bourne
Snow Goose (white phase)	"	27F	2 Iroquois NWR	Heck
Mallard	"	5	225 Times Beach	Andrle, Clark, Byron
"	"	29-30	273 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Gadwall	"	6,10	1,2 Times Beach	Andrle et al., Freeland

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Gadwall	September	28F	20	Niagara Falls	Wilcove
"	"	29-30	39	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Pintail	"	10F	6	Times Beach	Freeland
"	"	29-30	38	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Green-winged Teal	"	29-30	24	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Blue-winged Teal	"	29-30	55	Iroquois NWR	Morse
American Wigeon	"	10F,23	25,18	Times Beach	Freeland
"	"	29-30	940	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Wood Duck	"	29-30	38	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Redhead	"	6	2	Port Colborne, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Ring-necked Duck	"	30F	3	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Lesser Scaup	"	30F	1	Mayville (Chautauqua L)	Sundell
White-winged Scoter	"	23F	5	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
Hooded Merganser	"	6	1	Cement Rd. Pd., Ont.	Axtell, et al.
"	"	30	37	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Red-breasted Merg.	"	23	3	Times Beach	Hess, Freeland
Goshawk	"	13	1	Belmont	Burtens
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	2	1	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	10,23	1	Alfred	Chapman
"	"	15,26	1,1	Allegany Co.	V. Pitzrick
Cooper's Hawk	"	5,13	1,1	Amherst, Newstead	Freeland
"	"	7	1	Iroquois NWR	Rebovich
"	"	12	2	Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	15	1	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	28	1	Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Andrle, et al.
Red-shouldered Hawk	"	7	1	Chestnut Ridge Park	Bourne
Broad-winged Hawk	"	3,4,7,9	2,1,1,1	Allegany Co.	Pitzricks
"	"	3,7	1,1	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	6	1	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	13	8	Newstead	Freeland
Bald Eagle	"	17-28	1	(imm.) Iroquois NWR-Tonawanda GMA	Morse, Olsen
Osprey	"	1	1	Tifft Farm Nature Pres.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	7	1	Clarence	Freeland
"	"	3,8,13,25	1,1,1,1	Allegany Co.	Pitzricks
"	"	5,11,14,15	1,1,1,2	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	15,28	2,1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	25	1	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	28	1	Barcelona	Sundell
*Yellow Rail	"	25	1	Wales (TV tower kill)	Andrle
Amer. Golden Plover	"	1,7	5,9	Clarence	McKales
"	"	16	25	Clarence	Hess, et al.
"	"	7,21	8	Cambria; Amherst	McKales
"	"	25	3	Somerset	Thill
"	"	26	10	Alden	Wagner
Black-bellied Plover	"	10	1	Times Beach	Freeland

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American Woodcock	September	26	20	Silver Creek- Westfield	Freeland
"	"	27	5	Alfred	Klingensmith
Common Snipe	"	7,30	13,6	Iroquois NWR	Happ, Harrington; Morse
Whimbrel	"	10	3	Buffalo ( <u>corner Elm &amp; Genesee Streets</u> )	Freeland
Red Knot	"	6	13	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
"	"	29	2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	10	15	Iroquois NWR	Morse
White-rumped Sandpiper	"	8F,27	1,1	Times Beach	Hess
"	"	26	3	Times Beach	Andrle, Clark
Baird's Sandpiper	"	9,10,13	2,2,2	Times Beach	Hess, Happ
Dunlin	"	10F,26,29	8,3,2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Stilt Sandpiper	"	10,29	1,1	Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen; Morse
"	"	10	1	Times Beach	Freeland
*Hudsonian Godwit	"	27F	7	Times Beach	Foster
Sanderling	"	6	450	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, Axtell, et al.
"	"	13,20	1,2	Greenhurst & Bemus Pt.	Sundell
*Red Phalarope	"	22F	1	Peace Bridge	Axtell
*Northern Phalarope	"	13F	1,1	Lakeside Cem. (Hamburg)	Andrle, et al.
"	"	13F,14	3,4	Tifft Farm Nature Preserve	Andrle, et al.
"	"	13F,20	1	Greenhurst, (Chautauqua L.)	Sundell
"	"	22,28	60,6	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell, Andrle, et al.
"	"	23	5,15	Waverly Beach; Ft. Erie, Ont.	Hess
Great Bl.-backed Gull	"	6,27	5,5	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
Franklin's Gull	"	1-30	2-5	Times Beach	Hess, v.o.
"	"	6,13	1,5	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell, Andrle, et al.
"	"	12	11	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	13	1	Ashville Bay (Chautauqua L.)	Sundell
Bonaparte's Gull	"	22-29	10,000	Peace Bridge	Axtell
Little Gull	"	1-30	1-15	Times Beach	Wilcove
"	"	20	21	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
*Sabine's Gull	"	22	1	(imm.) Peace Bridge	Axtell, Andrle, et al.
Forster's Tern	"	10;27,29	1;1,1	Times Beach	Freeland; Hess
"	"	12	2	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, Thill
Caspian Tern	"	23L	1	Times Beach	Hess
Common Nighthawk	"	19	5	Hamburg	Bourne
Chimney Swift	"	26	10	E. Amherst	Freeland
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	14	1	E. Amherst	Freeland
Yellow-bel. Sapsucker	"	11F	1	Cheektowaga	Schwartz
*Western Kingbird	"	7	1	Bay View	Andrle, et al.

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Great Cr. Flycatcher	September	11L	1	Alfred	Brooks
Yellow-bel. Flycatcher	"	15	1	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	24,27L	6,1	Colden-Wales (TV tower kills)	Clark, Schaffner, Andrle, et al.
Least Flycatcher	"	27L	1	Wales (TV tower kill)	Andrle
Eastern Wood Pewee	"	30	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Olive-sided Flycatcher	"	8,10	2,1	Cheektowaga	Schwartz
"	"	23L	1	N. Evans	Empric
Barn Swallow	"	30L	2	Mayville	Sundell
Cliff Swallow	"	13L	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Brown Creeper	"	13F	1	Newstead	Freeland
"	"	15	1,1	Alfred; Eggertsville	Brooks; McKales
Winter Wren	"	1-30,9	1,1	Spring Brook; Alma	Danner, Burtens
"	"	27	1	Wales (TV tower kill)	Andrle
"	"	27,28	7,5	Barcelona	Sundell
Carolina Wren	"	1-30	3-5	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	7	1	Beaver Is. S.P.	McKales
"	"	8,14	1,1	Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	13,20,27	1,1,2	near Stow, Stow, Barcelona	Sundell
"	"	20	1	Hume	Burtens
"	"	22	1	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	28	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Mockingbird	"	17	1	Hamburg	Bourne
Hermit Thrush	"	27F	1	Cheektowaga	Schwartz
"	"	27F	1	Colden (TV tower kill)	Andrle
"	"	29	2	E. Amherst	Freeland
Gray-cheeked Thrush	"	15F-22	1	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	22,23,24,9,10,14		Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Andrle, et al.
Veery	"	27L	1	Colden (TV tower kill)	Andrle
Eastern Bluebird	"	15	1	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	20	8	Hume	Burtens
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	"	6	1	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell, et al.
"	"	9,10	1,1	Times Beach	Hess, Happ; Freeland
"	"	27L	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
Golden-cr. Kinglet	"	22F-30	3-6	Spring Brook	Danner
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	7	1	Clarence Ctr.	Freeland
"	"	9	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	24	22	Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, et al.
Water Pipit	"	7F	1	Clarence	Freeland
"	"	28	14	Clarence	McKales
"	"	19	4	Jamestown	Sundell
Loggerhead Shrike	"	1	1	Times Beach	Andrle, et al., Thills

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Yellow-thr. Vireo	September	7	2 Clarence Ctr.	Freeland
"	"	14	2 Iroquois NWR	McKales
"	"	24	1 Colden (TV tower kill)	Clark, Andrle, et al.
Solitary Vireo	"	24	13 Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, et al.
Philadelphia Vireo	"	18,23,24	14,11,25 Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Schaffner
"	"	25,27	2,3 Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Andrle, et al.
"	"	27	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Warbling Vireo	"	1-21	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
<u>Worm-eating Warbler</u>	"	8	1 Lakeside Cem. (Hamburg)	Bourne
"	"	28	1 Forest Lawn, Buffalo	McMichael
Golden-w. Warbler	"	18	1 Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Schaffner
"	"	27L	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
Blue-winged Warbler	"	7	2 Allegany Co.	V. Pitzrick
"	"	10	1 Times Beach	Freeland
"	"	14	1 Amity	Burtons
"	"	17L	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Orange-cr. Warbler	"	16F,19	1,1 Hamburg	Foster, Bourne
Northern Parula	"	5F	2 Tifft Farm, Nature Pres.	Wilcove, Goodman
"	"	17	2 Tifft Farm, Nature Pres.	Bourne
"	"	24	9 Colden (TV tower kill)	Clark, Andrle, et al.
Yellow Warbler	"	18	1 Colden (TV tower kill)	Clark, Schaffner
"	"	24L	1 Wales (xanthochromatic TV tower kill)	Clark, Andrle, et al.
Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	14	120 Alfred	Brooks
Chestnut-s. Warbler	"	25-29	2 Spring Brook	Danner
Bay-breasted Warbler	"	18,23,24	143,33,135 Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Schaffner, Andrle, et al.
Blackpoll Warbler	"	22,23,24,27	32,24,62,51 Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Andrle, et al.
Pine Warbler	"	24	5 Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Andrle, et al.
Palm Warbler	"	7F	1 Times Beach	Foster, Schwartz
"	"	9	1 N. Hudson	Burtons
Northern Waterthrush	"	24,27	5,2 Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Schaffner, Andrle, et al.
* Kentucky Warbler	"	24	1 Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Andrle, et al.
* Connecticut Warbler	"	7F	2 Clarence Ctr.	Freeland
"	"	17	1 Eden-Evans line	Bourne
"	"	23	1 N. Buffalo	Budington, Wilcove
"	"	24	3 Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Andrle, et al.
Mourning Warbler	"	18,24,25L	3,2,1 Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Schaffner, Andrle, et al.
Canada Warbler	"	24,27L	5,1 Colden-Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Andrle, et al.

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Northern Oriole	September	1-5L	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
Scarlet Tanager	"	8-30	1-2 Belmont	Burtons
Rose-br. Grosbeak	"	7	21 Clarence Ctr.(flock)	Freeland
Indigo Bunting	"	24L	2 Colden (TV tower kill)	Clark, Schaffner Andrle, et al.
House Finch	"	1-30	5-10 Cheektowaga	Schwartz
Grasshopper Sparrow	"	24	1 Wales (TV tower kill)	Clark, Andrle, et al.
Dark-eyed Junco	"	6F	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell, et al.
	"	7	2,5 Beaver Is. S.P; Youngstown	McKales
White-cr. Sparrow	"	26F, 29	1,1 Alfred	Klingensmith, Chapman
	"	28	1 Tiffit Farm Nature Pres.	Andrle, et al.
White-thr. Sparrow	"	3F	6 Eggertsville	McKales
	"	4	2 N. Buffalo	Wilcove, Schwartz
	"	6	2 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell, et al.
Lincoln's Sparrow	"	9F	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
	"	10	1 Times Beach	Happ

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . 261

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 7

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The editor appreciates any typographical errors or omissions being called to his attention.

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Cooper's Hawk July 13 . . . . . Keeney Swamp  
25-27 . . . . . Keeney Swamp

should read:

Cooper's Hawk July 13 . . . . . Town of Friendship  
July 25-27 . . . . . Town of Friendship

1975 NESTING RECORDS - V

Mallard	August	15	5YO	Town of Almond	Burtons
Cooper's Hawk	"	7,13	2YO	Town of Friendship	Klingensmith,
	"	1	2 or 3 YO	Alfred	Brooks
Amer. Kestrel	"	13	1 YO	Amity Lake	Pitzrick
Belted Kingfisher	"	5	1 YO	Amity Lake	Pitzrick

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Common Flicker	August	5	1YO	Amity Lake	Pitzrick
Eastern Kingbird	"	5	6YO	Amity Lake	Pitzrick
Barn Swallow	"	17	4YO	Amity Lake	Pitzrick
Eastern Bluebird	"	5	7YO	Amity Lake	Pitzrick
Yellowthroat	"	5	4YO	Amity Lake	Pitzrick
Northern Oriole	"	5,31	6YO, 1YO	Amity Lake	Pitzrick
Indigo Bunting	"	13	2YO	Amity Lake	Pitzrick
Rufous-s Towhee	"	5,17	3YO,1YO	Amity Lake	Pitzrick
Cardinal	September	15	2YO	Belmont	Burtons

TELEVISION TOWER BIRD KILL - September, 1975

compiled by Arthur R. Clark

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 18, 1975

A.R. Clark & A. Schaffner

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Yellow-b. Flycatcher	2	3	5
2. Least Flycatcher	3	-	3
3. E. Wood Pewee	-	1	1
4. Wood Thrush	3	8	11
5. Swainson's Thrush	16	24	40
6. Ruby-cr. Kinglet	2	1	3
7. Solitary Vireo	1	-	1
8. Red-eyed Vireo	8	18	26
9. Philadelphia Vireo	8	6	14
10. Bl.-&-w. Warbler	11	7	18
11. Golden-w. Warbler	1	-	1
12. Tennessee Warbler	11	33	44
13. Nashville Warbler	10	16	26
14. Yellow Warbler	-	1	1
15. Magnolia Warbler	26	55	81
16. Cape May Warbler	3	-	3
17. Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	7	2	9
18. Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	12	12	24
19. Blackburnian Warbler	3	7	10
20. Chestnut-s. Warbler	9	8	17
21. Bay-br. Warbler	60	83	143
22. Blackpoll Warbler	2	1	3
23. Ovenbird	24	34	58
24. Nor. Waterthrush	-	1	1
25. Mourning Warbler	1	2	3
26. Common Yellowthroat	3	2	5
27. Wilson's Warbler	4	12	16
28. Canada Warbler	-	2	2

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Teer Kill Record: September 18, 1975 cont.

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
29. Amer. Redstart	2	2	4
30. Scarlet Tanager	-	1	1
31. Rose-br. Grosbeak	4	9	13
32. Indigo Bunting	-	1	1
33. White-thr. Sparrow	1	-	1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	237	352	589
TOTAL SPECIES	27	28	33

Localities:

WGR\_TV, Channel 2, Warner Hill Road, Town of Wales, New York, Erie County

WKBE-TV, Channel 7, Center Road, Town of Colden, Erie County, New York

WBEN-TV, Channel 4, Center Road, Town of Colden, Erie County, New York

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 22, 1975 A.R. Clark

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKEW</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Yellow-b. Flycatcher	1	-	1
2. Swainson's Thrush	-	2	2
3. Gray-ch. Thrush	3	6	9
4. Veery	-	1	1
5. Solitary Vireo	-	2	2
6. Red-eyed Vireo	2	-	2
7. Bl.-&-w. Warbler	1	-	1
8. Tennessee Warbler	1	-	1
9. Magnolia Warbler	2	2	4
10. Chestnut-s. Warbler	-	1	1
11. Bay-br. Warbler	2	1	3
12. Blackpoll Warbler	19	13	32
13. Ovenbird	5	4	9
14. Common Yellowthroat	1	1	2
15. American Redstart	1	-	1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	38	33	71
TOTAL SPECIES	11	10	15



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TOWER KILL RECORD: September 23, 1975 A. R. Clark

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Yellow-b. Sapsucker	1	-	-	1
2. Yellow-b. Flycatcher	-	2	-	2
3. Red-br. Nuthatch	1	1	-	2
4. Brown Creeper	1	-	-	1
5. House Wren	-	2	-	2
6. Long-b. Marsh Wren	1	-	-	1
7. Swainson's Thrush	15	12	3	30
8. Gray-ch. Thrush	3	6	1	10
9. Veery	-	1	-	1
10. Ruby-cr. Kinglet	2	3	-	5
11. Cedar Waxwing	1	-	-	1
12. Solitary Vireo	3	3	-	6
13. Red-eyed Vireo	7	1	1	9
14. Philadelphia Vireo	6	3	2	11
15. B.-&-w. Warbler	3	1	-	4
16. Tennessee Warbler	2	2	2	6
17. Nashville Warbler	1	-	-	1
18. Northern Parula	-	1	1	2
19. Magnolia Warbler	6	13	2	21
20. Cape May Warbler	1	1	1	3
21. Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	3	1	3	7
22. Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	7	3	-	10
23. Blackburn. Warbler	3	1	1	5
24. Chestnut-s. Warbler	1	6	-	7
25. Bay-br. Warbler	14	18	1	33
26. Blackpoll Warbler	15	6	4	25
27. Palm Warbler	1	-	-	1
28. Ovenbird	24	8	1	33
29. Nor. Waterthrush	3	1	-	4
30. Common Yellowthroat	3	5	-	8
31. Wilson's Warbler	-	2	-	2
32. Canada Warbler	1	1	-	2
33. Amer. Redstart	10	3	4	17
34. Rose-br. Grosbeak	-	2	-	2
35. Indigo Bunting	-	1	-	1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	139	110	27	276
TOTAL SPECIES	28	29	14	35

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 24, 1975

A.R. Clark, R.F. Andrle,

A. Schaffner, M. Foster, &

J. Hauser

	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1.	Virginia Rail	-	1	-	1
2.	Sora	-	1	-	1
3.	Common Gallinule	-	1	-	1
4.	Yellow-b. Sapsucker	4	5	1	10
5.	Yellow-b. Flycatcher	2	4	-	6
6.	Least Flycatcher	1	-	-	1
7.	Brown Creeper	2	1	1	4
8.	House Wren	2	1	-	3
9.	Long-b. Marsh Wren	-	1	-	1
10.	Gray Catbird	1	3	-	4
11.	Wood Thrush	4	11	2	17
12.	Swainson's Thrush	20	35	2	57
13.	Gray-ch. Thrush	5	9	-	14
14.	Veery	2	-	-	2
15.	Ruby-cr. Kinglet	11	11	-	22
16.	Yellow-thr. Vireo	-	1	-	1
17.	Solitary Vireo	6	7	-	13
18.	Red-eyed Vireo	11	23	-	34
19.	Philadelphia Vireo	11	13	1	25
20.	Bl. -&-w. Warbler	10	24	1	35
21.	Tennessee Warbler	13	22	-	35
22.	Orange-cr. Warbler	-	1	-	1
23.	Nashville Warbler	13	15	-	28
24.	Northern Parula	6	3	-	9
25.	Yellow Warbler	1	-	-	1
	(Xanthochromistic)				
26.	Magnolia Warbler	55	98	2	155
27.	Cape May Warbler	4	6	1	11
28.	Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	32	47	3	82
29.	Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	2	-	2
30.	Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	16	20	-	36
31.	Blackburn. Warbler	4	3	-	7
32.	Chestnut-s. Warbler	13	15	-	28
33.	Bay-br. Warbler	49	85	1	135
34.	Blackpoll Warbler	34	28	-	62
35.	Pine Warbler	2	3	-	5
36.	Palm Warbler	2	3	-	5
37.	Ovenbird	51	77	3	131
38.	Nor. Waterthrush	2	3	-	5
39.	Kentucky Warbler	1	-	-	1
40.	Conn. Warbler	1	2	-	3
41.	Mourning Warbler	2	-	-	2

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Tower Kill Record: September 24, 1975, cont.

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
42. Common Yellowthroat	25	28	-	53
43. Wilson's Warbler	7	8	-	15
44. Canada Warbler	3	2	-	5
45. Amer. Redstart	24	23	1	48
46. Scarlet Tanager	-	2	-	2
47. Rose-br. Grosbeak	3	9	1	13
48. Indigo Bunting	-	2	-	2
49. Grasshopper Sparrow	1	-	-	1
50. Chipping Sparrow	2	2	-	4
51. White-thr. Sparrow	-	1	-	1
52. Lincoln's Sparrow	-	1	-	1
53. Swamp Sparrow	-	1	-	1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	458	664	20	1142
TOTAL SPECIES	41	47	13	53

TOWER KILL RECORD: September 25, 1975

WGR - R. F. Andrie

WKBW - A. R. Clark & A. Schaffner

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Yellow Rail	1	-	1
2. Gray Catbird	1	-	1
3. Wood Thrush	1	2	3
4. Swainson's Thrush	3	1	4
5. Gray-ch. Thrush	2	-	2
6. Red-eyed Vireo	2	-	2
7. Philadelphia Vireo	1	1	2
8. Tennessee Warbler	-	1	1
9. Magnolia Warbler	2	-	2
10. Bay-br. Warbler	1	-	1
11. Blackpoll Warbler	2	-	2
12. Ovenbird	11	-	11
13. Mourning Warbler	1	-	1
14. Common Yellowthroat	2	-	2
15. Amer. Redstart	1	1	2
16. Rose-br. Grosbeak	1	1	2
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	32	7	39
TOTAL SPECIES	15	6	16

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TOWER KILL RECORD: September 27, 1975 R. F. Andrle

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WGR</u>	<u>WKBW</u>	<u>WBEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Yellow-b. Sapsucker	3	-	-	3
2. Yellow-b. Flycatcher	1	-	-	1
3. Least Flycatcher	1	-	-	1
4. Brown Creeper	1	-	-	1
5. Winter Wren	1	-	-	1
6. Gray Catbird	-	3	1	4
7. Wood Thrush	1	-	1	2
8. Hermit Thrush	-	-	1	1
9. Swainson's Thrush	9	13	3	25
10. Gray-ch. Thrush	3	5	3	11
11. Veery	-	1	-	1
12. Golden-cr. Kinglet	2	-	-	2
13. Ruby-cr. Kinglet	2	-	-	2
14. Solitary Vireo	1	-	-	1
15. Red-eyed Vireo	1	1	-	2
16. Philadelphia Vireo	-	2	1	3
17. Bl.-&-w. Warbler	-	6	1	7
18. Tennessee Warbler	1	-	-	1
19. Magnolia Warbler	4	2	3	9
20. Cape May Warbler	-	3	1	4
21. Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	5	5	3	13
22. Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	3	2	1	6
23. Blackburn. Warbler	-	2	-	2
24. Chestnut-s. Warbler	1	2	1	4
25. Bay-br. Warbler	6	9	2	17
26. Blackpoll Warbler	36	9	6	51
27. Palm Warbler	2	-	1	3
28. Ovenbird	15	7	6	28
29. Nor. Waterthrush	-	2	-	2
30. Common Yellowthroat	5	5	7	17
31. Canada Warbler	11	-	-	11
32. Amer. Redstart	7	-	2	9
33. Rose-br. Grosbeak	4	1	-	5
34. White-thr. Sparrow	1	-	-	1
35. Lincoln's Sparrow	-	1	-	1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	117	81	44	242
TOTAL SPECIES	26	20	18	35

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NOTES

BIRDS AMONG THE TIN CANS?

As a newcomer to Buffalo, I soon learned that urban renewal is a subject of animated interest in the press and broadcast media, and among municipal planners and ordinary citizens alike. To be sure, the many partially cleared (but hardly "renewed") areas in the central city seem to be poised in anxious wait for some sort of attention.

But perhaps these cleared areas aren't so bad for birds in their present condition. As evidence, consider this example.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. September 10, having birded Times Beach and now driving up Genesee Street toward the BOS meeting at the Museum of Science, I heard shorebird notes as I passed an expansive and weedy "urban renewal" zone at the intersection of Elm Street. Looking out the car window, I was surprised to see three Whimbrels emerge from the weeds. Circling quickly to an altitude of perhaps 35 feet, they beat their ways directly over my car, calling all the while.

With Lake Erie's high water creating a paucity of mud flats, Harold Mitchell surmised, perhaps the mid-city cleared area looked attractive to the migrating curlews. In any event, I have learned to keep my eyes peeled while passing seemingly innocuous parcels of urban renewal projects. One man's slum could well prove to be another's (birder's) playground.

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#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's Club Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

December 10th: Assignment of territories for Christmas Bird Count.  
Speaker: Dr. Stephen W. Eaton of the Department of Biology of St. Bonaventure University. For many years Dr. Eaton has been engaged in a study of the biology of Wild Turkey populations in southwestern New York and will speak on the results of his research and the present status of this magnificent bird in our study area.

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December 24th: No meeting. Merry Christmas!

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

December 21st: Christmas Bird Count. Marcy Foster, leader.  
Telephone leader at 648-1025 for assignment  
of territory.

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## THE MONTH

October was a pleasant, mild month with the area basking in sunshine and above average temperatures in a late but welcome Indian Summer between the 20th and the 25th days of the period. A record high temperature of 79° was recorded on the 24th but the month ended with a surge of below average temperatures ushered in on cold northwest winds on the 30th. A record low temperature of 22° was recorded on the 31st. The average temperature for the month was 53.1°, 1.6° above normal. Precipitation measured 1.13 inches, 1.88 inches below the mean. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

Following the first deep cold front of the month on the 18th, a large movement of Brant and other waterfowl was observed on Lake Ontario. Aside from the odd bird observed on rare occasions on the Niagara River or Lake Erie, the only place in our study area to observe Brant is during the spectacular autumn passage of waterfowl along the south shore of Lake Ontario between Grimsby, Ontario and Point Breeze in Orleans County in late October and early November. An observer who is stationed along the shore with proper optical equipment at that time has a better than average chance of seeing large flocks of Brant, all three species of scoter, Oldsquaw and other diving ducks as well as Common Loon and, if fortune smiles, perhaps an Arctic Loon. Of course, the weather must be sufficiently nasty, such as those cold fronts preceding deep high pressure systems following a prolonged warm spell. It is certainly an event which deserves the attention of more observers at this season.

On the 3rd, the writer was one of a party of birders watching the huge concentration of gulls in the upper Niagara River above the Peace Bridge. One was immediately impressed by the comparatively large numbers of adult Little Gulls circling among the Bonaparte's Gulls at this location. Perhaps a close count would have tallied as many as twelve individual birds. In addition to the dramatic in-





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Black Duck	October	21	55	Bay View	Bourne
Gadwall	"	26	132	Niagara Falls	Axtell
	"	29	69	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Green-winged Teal	"	29	61	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Blue-winged Teal	"	29L	2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
American Wigeon	"	15	1035	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Northern Shoveler	"	29	5	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Ring-necked Duck	"	4,15	24,40	Iroquois NWR	Rew, et al., Morse
Canvasback	"	22F, 29	2,5	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	26	2000	Niagara Falls	Axtell
Greater Scaup	"	19	2800	E. end Lake Erie	Axtell
	"	26	3000	Niagara Falls	Axtell
Lesser Scaup	"	17	2	Belmont	V. Pitzrick
	"	26	200	Niagara Falls	Axtell
Common Goldeneye	"	16F	3	Niagara R. (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
	"	30	219	Olcott	Andrle
Bufflehead	"	21, 22	8	Iroquois NWR	Danner, Morse
	"	26	10	Niagara R. (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
Oldsquaw	"	16F	8	Niagara R. (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
	"	30	337	Olcott	Andrle
White-winged Scoter	"	2	35	Bay View	Bourne
	"	3	14	Crystal Beach, Ont.	Rew, Schwartz
	"	19, 30	412, 950	Olcott	Andrle
Surf Scoter	"	2F, 3	2, 33	Bird Is. Pier	Andrle, Byron, et al.
	"	16, 25	6, 1	Niagara R., Times Beach	Freeland, Schaffner
	"	20	1	(shot) Iroquois NWR	Morse
Black Scoter	"	3F	20	Times Beach	Rew, Schwartz
	"	16	2	Niagara R. (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
Ruddy Duck	"	15, 21	5, 1	Iroquois NWR	Morse, Hess
	"	16	1	East Eden	Bourne
	"	16, 26	2, 5	Niagara R. (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
	"	25, 29	6, 2	Alfred	Klingensmith, Brooks
	"	26	6	Niagara Falls	Axtell
Common Merganser	:	5F	1	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Hess, Happ, et al.
Red-breasted Merganser	"	25	23	Times Beach	Happ, Schaffner, et al.
	"	26	60	Buffalo Waterfront	Freeland
	"	30	867	Olcott	Andrle
Turkey Vulture	"	21	3	Long Pt. S.P.	Sundell
Goshawk	"	10	2	Belmont	Burtens

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Sharp-shinned Hawk	October	7,26	1,1 Belmont, Birdsall	Burtens
"	"	12,28	1,1 Amherst, E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	14,15	1,1 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	24	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Cooper's Hawk	"	5	2 Erie Beach, Ont.	Hess, Happ, et al.
"	"	6	1 Times Beach	Hess
"	"	17	1 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	20	1 E. Amherst	Freeland
Red-shouldered Hawk	"	1,26	1,1 Alfred, Almond	Brooks, Burtens
"	"	12	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	26	1 Tiffit Farm	Freeland
"	"	26	1 Stromness, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	29-31L	1 E. Amherst	Freeland
*Golden Eagle	"	31	1 Times Beach	Andrle, Clark, Byron
Osprey	"	20,22	1,1 Iroquois NWR, Tonawanda	GA Bartlett, Horse
"	"	20-22	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Virginia Rail	"	7L	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
American Coot	"	29	439 Iroquois NWR	Danner, Horse
"	"	27	150 Langford Pond	Foster
"	"	28	2800 Chautauqua L.	Sundell
Semipalmated Plover	"	5	8 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Amer. Golden Plover	"	7	16 Porter	Hess
Black-bellied Plover	"	25	25 Times Beach	Schaffner
"	"	26	20 Times Beach	Freeland
"	"	29	14 Times Beach	Happ, Harrington
Ruddy Turnstone	"	12,19L	1,1 Bird Is. Pier, Times Beach	Freeland; Schaffner, Clark
Greater Yellowlegs	"	31	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Lesser Yellowlegs	"	26,31	1,3 Times Beach	Freeland, et al., Andrle, et al.
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	8	50 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	27,28L	4,2 Times Beach	Hess
White-rumped Sandpiper	"	19	1 Times Beach	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	24	1 Iroquois NWR	Rew, et al.
"	"	26	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Semipalmated Sandpiper	"	10	18 Times Beach	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	26L	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
*Western Sandpiper	"	16	1 Bird Is. Pier	Freeland
Hudsonian Godwit	"	7	1 Iroquois NWR	Hess
"	"	17,19	1 Times Beach	Hess, Clark, Andrle, Schaffner
Red Phalarope	"	21	1 Bird Is. Pier	Andrle, Byron
"	"	23,31	1 Bird Is. Pier	Hess; Happ, Harrington
Northern Phalarope	"	2	5 Bird Is. Pier	Andrle, Byron

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Northern Phalarope	October	5	5	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Hess, Happ, et al.
"	"	16L	3+	Bird Is. Pier	Freeland
*Parasitic Jaeger	"	19	1	Wilson	Andrles
"	"	19,30	4,2	Olcott	Andrles
Franklin's Gull	"	1,4,16	3,2,1	Times Beach	Freeland, Hess, Freeland
"	"	2;5	3;1	Ft. Erie, Ont.; N. Falls, Ont.	Andrle, Byron; Hess, Happ
"	"	10	2	Niagara R. (Porter Ave.)	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	26	2	Sir Adam Beck Sta., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, Axtell
Little Gull	"	3	15	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	12	13	Buffalo Waterfront	Freeland
"	"	19	1	Lewiston	Andrles
"	"	31	1	Olcott	Andrles
Forster's Tern	"	2;5	4;1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, Byron; Hess, Happ
"	"	4-12	1	Times Beach	Hess
Black Tern	"	10-21	5-2	Bird Is. Pier	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
Chimney Swift	"	4	2	Bird Is. Pier	Andrle, et al.
"	"	13L	4	E. Amherst	Freeland
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	4	1	Iroquois NWR	Rew, et al.
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	4	2	Tifft Farm N. Preserve	Andrle, et al.
"	"	14	1	Times Beach	Hess
"	"	12-22,21	1,1	Ft. Erie, Ont.; Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Sommerville, Axtell
Eastern Wood Pewee	"	1-8	1-3	Spring Brook	Danner
Tree Swallow	"	18L	40	Bird Is. Pier	Andrle, et al.
*Boreal Chickadee	"	20	1	(banded) Farmersville Station	Clarks
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	22	20	Alfred	Brooks
Carolina Wren	"	1-31	3-4	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	4,17-27	1,1	Shongo, Alfred	V. Pitzrick, et al., Brooks
"	"	4	1	Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	21	1	Lighthouse Pt. (Chautauqua L.)	Sundell
"	"	31	1	Belmont	Burtens
Long-b. Marsh Wren	"	4;24,29L	1;1,1	Shongo; Belmont	V. Pitzrick, et al.
Mockingbird	"	10-31	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	"	17,22	4,1	Cambria	Hendershot
"	"	17	1	E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	18-20	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
"	"	20-31	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	21,28	1,1	Ft. Niagara, Beaver Is. S.P.	Hess, Hess

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Gray Catbird	October	25L	2	Alfred	Klingensmith
Wood Thrush	"	26L	1	Sherbrooke Twp., Ont.	Thills
Swainson's Thrush	"	17	1	Grand Is., Cambria	Klabundes, Hendershot
	"	24L	1	(banded) Alfred	Brooks
Eastern Bluebird	"	7	3	Iroquois NWR	Hess
	"	8,8	1,9	Alfred, Belmont	Klingensmith, Pitzricks
Water Pipit	"	7	15	Porter	Hess
	"	17,27	13,8	Alfred, Langford Pond	Brooks, Foster
	"	26	40	Dunville, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	26	3	Times Beach	Freeland
Cedar Waxwing	"	1-31	65	(max.) Belmont	Burtions
	"	13	65	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
Northern Shrike	"	27F	1	(imm.) Hamburg	Bourne
Solitary Vireo	"	19L	1	Alfred	Brooks
Philidelphia Vireo	"	4L	1	Tifft Farm N. Preserve	Andrle, et al
Black-and-White Warb.	"	22L	1	Lewiston	W. Klabunde
Tennessee Warbler	"	2	1	Hamburg	Foster
	"	5L	4	Grand Is.	Klabundes
Orange-crowned Warbler	"	19L	1	E. Amherst	Freeland
Northern Parula	"	5L	1	Queenston, Ont.	Hess, Happ et al.
Black-thr. Blue Warb.	"	30L	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	19	200	Ward	Burtions
	"	26	150	Tifft Farm N. Preserve	Freeland
Black-thr. Green Warb.	"	26L	4	Tifft Farm N. Preserve	Freeland
Bay-breasted Warbler	"	2	2	Hamburg	Foster
	"	3;9,10	1;1,1	Belmont	V. Pitzrick; Burtions
	"	26L	1	Buckhorn Is. S.P.	Rew
Palm Warbler	"	19L	2	Alfred, Ward	Brooks, Burtions
Ovenbird	"	1-5L	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Canada Warbler	"	2L	1	Amherst	Happ
American Redstart	"	26L	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Rusty Blackbird	"	10F	3	Grand Is.	Klabundes
Scarlet Tanager	"	13-14	1	Hamburg (injured)	Foster
	"	21L	1	Hamburg (diff. bird, injured)	Foster
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	"	1-2	1-2	Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1,17L	1,1	(banded) Alfred	Brooks
Evening Grosbeak	"	5F	12	Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	29	100	Belmont	Burtions
Purple Finch	"	16-20	40	E. Amherst	Freeland
	"	18	68	N. Hudson	Burtions, Palmer
House Finch	"	1-31	18	(max.) Cheektowaga	Schwartz

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Pine Siskin	October	2F,26	16,30	Belmont,Almong	Burtens
"	"	16,23	10,25	Alfred	Brooks,Klingensmith
"	"	18	2	Fluvanna(ChautauquaL)	Sundell
"	"	23-28	3-6	Times Beach	Andrle,et al., Freeland,Hess
Rufous-sided Towhee	"	24,26	2,1	Belmont,Alfred	V.Pitzrick,Brooks
"	"	29L	1	Grand Is.	Klabundes
Savannah Sparrow	"	16L	1	Willing	V. Pitzrick
Dark-eyed Junco	"	6	250	Olcott	Hendershot
Tree Sparrow	"	20	1	Rose Hill Rd.,Ont.	Axtell
Chipping Sparrow	"	14L	1	Belmont	V. Pitzrick
Field Sparrow	"	24L	3	Alfred	Brooks
White-crowned Sparrow	"	26,26L	1,6	Birdsall, W.Almond	Burtens

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 268

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 6

Total for year . . . . . 274

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

REPORT OF THE OCTOBER 1975 BIRD COUNT

Compiled by Pauline and Bob Schwartz

On October 12th, over 239 observers covered the 28 Territories, of the Buffalo Ornithological Society fall count. The day was overcast with temperatures ranging between 44° - 55° in the morning, with a cool northwest wind, the afternoon was considerably warmer, with some sun.

The numbers in parenthesis following individual totals indicate where species was in three or less territories.

Loons - Mergansers

Common Loon	18	Green-w. Teal	32	(5) (9) (20)
Horned Grebe	178	Blue-w. Teal	36	
Pied-billed Grebe	66	Amer. Wigeon	546	
Gr. Blue Heron	126	Shoveler	8	(6)
Green Heron	2	Wood Duck	95	
Amer. Bittern	2	Redhead	14	(3) (14)
Canada Geese	7926	Ring-neck Duck	42	
Mallard	1133	Greater Scaup	1844	
Black Duck	198	Lesser Scaup	6	(11) (22)
Gadwall	23	Bufflehead	4	(5) (28)
Pintail	11	White-w. Scoter	23	(3) (5) (14)

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Report of the October 1975 Bird Count, cont.

Loons - Mergansers (cont.)

Surf Scoter	13	(8)	Hooded Merganser	1	(11)
Black Scoter	1	(6)	Common Merganser	24	(1) (6) (23)
Ruddy Duck	61	(3) (5) (15)	Red-br. Merganser	27	

Vultures - Rails

Turkey Vulture	9		Osprey	3	(5) (28)
Sharp-sh. Hawk	6		Sparrow Hawk	78	
Cooper's Hawk	11		Ruffed Grouse	51	
Red-tailed Hawk	156		Bobwhite	1	(1)
Red-sh. Hawk	5	(21) (26) (28)	Ring-n. Pheasant	87	
Broad-w. Hawk	4		Turkey	46	
Rough-leg. Hawk	1	(26)	Com. Gallinule	5	(5) (6) (19)
Marsh Hawk	26		Amer. Coot	1514	

Shorebirds

Semipalm. Plover	11	(11)	Greater Yellowlegs	8	(5) (6) (9)
Killdeer	692		Lesser Yellowlegs	7	
Amer. Golden Plover	31	(5)	Pectoral Sandpr.	2	(11) (23)
Black-bel. Plover	13	(6) (8) (11)	W.-rumped Sandpr.	2	(5) (6)
Am. Woodcock	16		Dunlin	58	(6) (11)
Common Snipe	10		Semipalm. Sandpr,	18	(5) (6) (11)
Spotted Sandpiper	1	(20)	Sanderling	18	(6) (8)

Gulls - Flycatchers

Gr. Black-b. Gull	78		Barred Owl	6	(6) (17) (23)
Herring Gull	752		Long-eared Owl	1	(17)
Ring-billed Gull	4433		Belted Kingfisher	64	
Franklin's Gull	2	(6) (11)	Common Flicker	114	
Bonaparte's Gull	1112		Pileated Wd. pecker	10	
Little Gull	8	(11)	Red-bel. Wd. pecker	10	
Forster's Tern	1	(11)	Red-h. Wd. pecker	5	
Common Tern	288		Yellow-b. Sapsucker	19	
Rock Dove	1490		Hairy Woodpecker	98	
Mourning Dove	500		Downy Woodpecker	257	
Screech Owl	10		Eastern Phoebe	49	
Gr. Horned Owl	17		E. Wood Pewee	11	(14)

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Lark - Thrushes

Horned Lark

<u>E.a.alpestris</u>	1	(5)	Winter Wren	21	
<u>E.a.praticola</u>	35		Carolina Wren	14	
Tree Swallow	48	(6) (7)	Mockingbird	7	(1) (3) (26)
Blue Jay	1713		Catbird	82	
Common Crow	2823		Brown Thrasher	2	(14) (26)
Black-c. Chickadee	1591		Amer. Robin	4892	
Tufted Titmouse	3	(1) (20)	Wood Thrush	14	
White-br. Nuthatch	257		Hermit Thrush	64	
Red-br. Nuthatch	39		Swainson's Thrush	14	
Brown Creeper	73		Gray-ch. Thrush	1	(28)
House Wren	9L		Eastern Bluebird	119	

Kinglets - House Sparrow

Golden-cr. Kinglet	524		Cape May Warbler	5L	(15) (26) (27)
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	668		Bl.thr.Bl. Warbler	2L	(6) (7)
Water Pipit	430		Yellow-r. Warbler	821	
Cedar Waxwing	928		Bl.-thr.Gr.Warbler	8	
Starling	30263		Blackburn.Warbler	9L	(6) (1) (27)
Solitary Vireo	2	(13) (26)	Chestnut-s.Warbler	3	(13) (26)
Red-eyed Vireo	1	(5)	Blackpoll Warbler	10L	(20) (26) (27)
Bl.-&-w.Warbler	2	(15) (28)	Palm Warbler	6	(11) (27) (28)
Orange-cr. Warbler	2	(14) (23)	Yellowthroat	6	
Nashville WarblerL	10		Wilson's Warbler	2	(23) (27)
No. Parula	2L	(8) (14)	Amer. Redstart	7	
Magnolia Warbler	34L		House Sparrow	4878	

Blackbirds - Finches

E. Meadowlark	272		Pine Siskin	40	(7) (25) (26)
Red-w. Blackbird	20555		Amer. Goldfinch	1137	
Rusty Blackbird	217		Rufous-s. Towhee	136	
Common Grackle	9450		Savannah Sparrow	24	
Brown-h. Cowbird	2478		Vesper Sparrow	19	
Scarlet Tanager	3	(14) (26) (28)	Dark-eyed Junco	3253	
Cardinal	367		Tree Sparrow	2	(24)
Rose-br. Grosbeak	10		Chipping Sparrow	327	
Evening Grosbeak	154		Field Sparrow	182	
Purple Finch	212		Wh.-cr. Sparrow	865	
House Finch	18	(11) (25)	Wh.-thr. Sparrow	2463	



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October 1975 Bird Count cont.

Blackbirds - Finches cont.

Fox Sparrow	8	Song Sparrow	1329
Lincoln's Sparrow	4 (1) (3) (25)	Lapland Longspur	4 (6)
Swamp Sparrow	86		

Total Species 161

Total Individuals 118635

Total includes 35 unidentified Blackbirds.

The compilers wish to thank all our members, and the many observers from the neighboring areas who participated in the count. Prompt returns were appreciated.

OCTOBER 12, 1975 BIRD COUNT

Territories and Observers (names of compilers are underlined)

1. Fonthill, Ont. H.L. Lancaster, E. Brown, C. Honsberger, W. Honsberger, F. Kingdon, I. Kingdon, L. McKeever, David, Douglas and Irene Sauer, A. Smith, H. Troup.
2. Thorold, Ont. El Wightman.
3. Wilson, N.Y. Harriette and Walter Klabunde.
4. Middleport, N.Y. Paul and Linda Grimble.
5. Oak Orchard, N.Y. H. D. Mitchell, Richard Byron, James Gregory, W. Vaughan, W.H. Wendel, H. Wipperman, Marion Smith, David Wilcove Joe Stein.
6. Port Maitland, Ont. Edward A. Williams
7. Lowbanks, Ont. Ralph Gardiner, Ronald Gardiner, Denys Gardiner.
8. Fort Erie, Ont. Arthur Schaffner.
9. Grand Island, N.Y. Clare Henderson, Alice Ulrich, Pauline and Bob Schwartz.
10. Akron, N.Y. Kenneth Balmas.
11. Buffalo, N.Y. Paul Hess, Lorraine Vara, Jeff Schwartz.
12. Lancaster, N.Y. Marie and Margaret Wendling, Ann Bauer, Ima Bill, Louise Coyle, Ray Franz, Gertrude Webster, Cy Wolfling,
13. Batavia, N.Y. Jane and Max Mason, Kathyryn Pixley, Marge and Richard Pixley, Donald Thureau, Richard Kloos, Genevive and Gordon Salway, George L. Mahaney, Ronald Colantonio, Eileen and Robert Hull.
14. Hamburg, N.Y. T. L. Bourne, Robert F. Andrle, Josef Hauser, Marcy Foster, Bob and Ev. Mauser, Anna Mae and John Bacon, Polly Pruss, Lynn Rochester, Fred and Elsie Webb, Patricia Frey.

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15. Java, N.Y. David Bigelow, Dee Bigelow, Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln Crone, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Stroke, George Walker.
16. Angola, N.Y. Cynthia Millard, Eva Paulson, Alice Frederick.
17. Cattaraugus, N.Y. Marge Frank, Audrey Horbett, Marie and Margaret Wendling, Ann Bauer.
18. Delevan, N.Y. Donald and Jane Clark.
19. Fillmore, N.Y. Katherine Palmer, Mr. & Mrs. Brooks Main, Marjorie Main, Larry Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. H.K. Smith, Etta Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Clark, Ruth Gilman, John Nelson, Victor Carpenter, Andrew Mullen, Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Honden, Lintner Maxon.
20. Dunkirk, N.Y. Frances M. Rew, Lois Buck.
21. Cherry Creek, N.Y. Jamestown Audubon Society, Robert Sundell, Clarence Beal, Calla Freeman, Jennie Freeman, Carol Roby, Dorothy Pihlblad.
22. Sherman, N.Y. Jamestown Audubon Society, Robert Sundell, Elizabeth Pillsbury, Russell Pillsbury.
23. Frewsburg, N.Y. Jamestown Audubon Society, Robert Sundell, Richard Bohall, Geraldine Caswell, Allen Findlay, Margaret Findlay, Annabelle Hiller, Lewis Kibler, Stephen Maggio, Elizabeth and Russell Pillsbury.
24. Allegany St. Park Doug Happ, Jim Harrington, Marcia Goldstick.
25. Allegany, N.Y. John and Mary Forness, Dorothy Baker, Fred Meyer, Jerome and Catherine Prosser, Steve Chrapuso, Cathie Connors.
26. Cuba, N. Y. Allegany County Bird Club, Mr. & Mrs. Lou Burton, Mrs. Katherine Brown, Mrs. Alice Driscoll, Ted Ingalls, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Keople, Mrs. Ann Scott, Mrs. Benson Smith, Oren L. Smith, Sr., Mrs. Bret Taylor, Mrs. Neal K. Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. John Compton, Mrs. Helen Goldthwait, Alfred Voorheis, Bruce and Robert Smalley.
27. Bolivar, N.Y. Allegany County Bird Club, Mrs. Lou Burton, Mrs. Anna Ayres, Mrs. Celestia Abbott, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Carrier & family, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Keople, Mrs. Laura Ingram, Mrs. Mildred Marshall, Mr. & Mrs. James Pettit, Mrs. Robert Swartz, Mrs. Alton Case, Mrs. Helen Apsey, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Richmond, Norman Ives, Mrs. Frances A. DeGroff.
28. Alfred, N.Y. Allegany Bird Club, Mrs. Betsy Brooks, Mrs. Vivian Pitzrick, Mrs. Erma Larson, Mrs. Louise Gibson, Grace Buckley, Doris Burdick, Paul and Mary Alice Fuller, Dale, Evelyn, Denis and Linda Coats, Helen Graves, Claribel James, Raymond and Vivian Pitzrick, Douglas and Ona Reynolds, Theodore Vossler, George Wolfe, Mrs. Ira Brown, Carl Burdick, Miss Christine Ferrand, Mrs. Estelle Freer, Mrs. Bror Larson, Robert Sick, Mr. & Mrs. Ted McClure, Mary Rosa, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. Norbert Shear, Helen Thomas, Mrs. William Yerrick, Betsy Brooks, Vivien Carr, Lirri Chapman, Larry & Harriet Deverell, Ann Eisenhardt, Sue Howard, Pete & Terry Finlay,

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28. Alfred, N.Y. cont. Eddy & Alice Foster, Clarence Klingensmith, Mrs. Lynn Langworthy, Dave Lewis, Cathy MacDonald, Beverly Perry, Everett & Agnes Rhodes, Helen Robinson, Dorothy Bayless, Esther Biel, Ann Catlin, Jim Copenheaver, Ethel Dexter, Jay & Louise Gibson, Linn Phelan, Mrs. Charles Sharrett, Mary Lou Wells, Mrs. & Mr. Lou Burton, Arnold Watkins, Mary Jordan, Daniel Babcock.

Noteworthy comparisons over a 10 year period.

Loon (18) - High - previous High (13) in 1970.  
Horned Grebe - (178) - High - previous High (70) 1971.  
Black Duck (198) - low - High (690) in 1966.  
Green-Wing Teal (32) compared to (364) in 1974.  
Blue-Wing Teal (36) low - High (1275) in 1972.  
Wood Duck (95) second low - High (438) in 1974.  
Turkey Vulture (9) very low - High (70) in 1972.  
W.-rumped Sandpiper (2) second record - (3) in 1966.  
Herring Gull (752) compared to (8779) in 1973.  
Little Gull (8) all time high - previous High (2) 1974.  
Barred Owl (6) all time high - (5) in 1974.  
Long-eared Owl (1) third record on October count.  
Red-bellied Woodpecker (10) all time high (6) in 1974.  
Horned Lark (E.a.alpestris) (1) second record (17) in 1966.  
Carolina Wren (14) same as last year - previous High (5) 1971.  
Black-thr. Blue Warbler (2) low - High (83) in 1970.  
Palm Warbler (6) low count - High (74) 1974.  
Rusty Blackbird (217) very low - High (2396) in 1974.  
Evening Grosbeak (154) all time high - previous High (6) 1968.  
Purple Finch (212) all time high - previous High (201) 1971.  
House Finch (18) first time on October count.  
Vesper Sparrow (19) low - compared to (391) in 1969.  
Lapland Longspur (4) previous High (2) in 1969.

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#### NOTES

#### Winter Bird Population Study

A six week intensive study of the winter birds will begin at the Tifft Farm Nature Preserve on December 26th, 1975. All members of the B.O.S. are invited to take part by plotting wintering birds on a morning or afternoon during this period. Let's all get acquainted with Buffalo's new nature preserve. Two orientation sessions will be held on January 3rd and 4th for persons not familiar with the locality or previously participating in a population study. Study instructions, a check-list and map with pre-determined routes will be given to all members interested in participating. Please call the coordinator, Marcy Foster at 648-1028 for further details. Meet at voting booth at edge of mound on Ohio Street side of Fuhrmann Blvd. at Tifft Farm entrance.

Winter Census of Carolinian Bird Species

The Research Committee of the B.O.S. has decided to conduct a study of the "southern" birds wintering in the B.O.S. territory. In order to make this project a meaningful one we need the help of all members of the society. However, the time and effort required from any one individual will be little more than that which is normally spent on birding. Listed below are 5 species whose winter distribution and abundance in our area have been chosen by the Research Committee as being of special interest. The five species are:

- 1.) Tufted Titmouse
- 2.) Carolina Wren
- 3.) Mockingbird
- 4.) Cardinal
- 5.) House Finch

We would like every member of the society to send us a report of each individual observation of birds of these five species whether it is in the field or at a feeder. Please report the date of observation, locality according to the coordinates given on the B.O.S. territory maps (for instance, Territory 11, M-6), as well as whether the observation was at a feeder or in the field. This is a record of each observation so if you have 1 cardinal visit your feeder every day for a week you would report 7 separate observations (1 per day.) Thus, all it will require of the members is to keep a list of each observation of any of the five species and to send this list to us. It will be easier for the committee to tabulate and analyze this data if you send each species on a separate page.

We would like this project to begin on January 1, 1976 and continue until March 31, 1976. Please submit reports on the 15th and 30th of each month. We envision this year's effort to be the first in a 5 year study to evaluate the winter distribution and abundance of these species in our area.

Please mail reports to the following:

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PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's Club Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

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January 14th: "The Three R's of Ornithology". A discussion on the basics of becoming involved in ornithology with Walter Klabunde as moderator.

January 28th: "Research Projects For You". Frances Rew and other members of the Research Committee will lead the discussion of a variety of projects that the members can participate in to increase our knowledge of local birds.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

January 3rd-4th Orientation trips for those members interested in participating in the winter bird population study at the Tifft Farm Nature Preserve in Buffalo between December 26th and February 7th. See Notes in this issue for further details.

January 11th-18th January Waterfowl Count of the New York State Federation of Bird Clubs. Sunday, January 11th, is the target date but in case of inclement weather or other reasons, any day through January 18th is acceptable. Call the count coordinator, Alan Reckhow, at 876-0078 for assignment of territories.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler, Mr. David B. Freeland, 60 Haymarket Square, East Amherst, New York 14051.

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## THE MONTH

November was warm and cloudy with an average temperature of  $46.9^{\circ}$  (F)  $7.1^{\circ}$  above the norm for the period. There were above average temperatures for the first twelve days with a high for the month of  $72^{\circ}$  (F) being recorded on the 7th. The warm weather returned for another five days between the 17th and the 21st and a record high of  $64^{\circ}$  was recorded on the 30th. In between these periods, the weather was seasonal with the first snowfall of any consequence for the season in the Buffalo area, 3.2 inches, occurring on the 25th. Precipitation for the month measured 2.77 inches, a departure of 0.97 inches below normal. Total snowfall in the Buffalo area measured 5.5 inches. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

In spite of the unseasonable weather, Arctic birds invaded the area by mid-month. The first white-winged gulls were reported on the Niagara River by the 15th and the Klabundes had the first Snowy Owl of the season at Niagara Falls on the 17th. It does not appear to be a major flight year for Snowy Owls but the second Boreal Chickadee of the season was reported by the Burtons from Cuba, N.Y. in November and observers should carefully study flocks of chickadees for other individuals of this pretty little creature among its Black-capped congeners.

Other interesting birds of the month included two Eared Grebes, one seen at Athol Springs by Tom Bourne on the 6th and another at Dunkirk Harbor later in the month. Harold Axtell reported three immature or female Harlequin Ducks on the Niagara River at Fort Erie on the 29th. A rare Bewick's Wren was seen by many observers at a feeder at the home of Richard Ayers in Cuba where, apparently, it had been a regular visitor for the past two months.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	November 11,18,28	12,19,11	Chautauqua L.	Sundell
"	" 15	14	Olcott	Andrles
* Red-throated Loon	" 23F	1	Niagara R.	Rew, et al.
"	" 23F	5	Olcott	Freeland
Red-necked Grebe	" 6	1	Bay View	Bourne
Horned Grebe	" 9;20	26;75	Buffalo Harbor	Schaffner, Clark;Free- land
"	" 18	400	Chautauqua L.	Sundell
* <u>Eared Grebe</u>	" 6	1	Athol Springs	Bourne
"	" 16,22	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Andrle, et al.
Pied-billed Grebe	" 5,12,20,26	13,6,12,4	Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	" 29	5	South Park Lake	Rew, et al.
"	" 30	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Happ, Gibson, Schaffner, Clark
Double-crested Cormorant	" 2	2	Dunkirk Harbor	Rew, Buck
"	" 24	1	Bay View	Bourne
Great Blue Heron	" 5,12,28	12,11,2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	" 30	2	Iroquois NWR	McKales
Black-cr. Night Heron	" 27,29	4,4	South Park	Rew, et al.
Whistling Swan	" 18F-29	6	Langford Pond	Bourne, Foster, et al.
"	" 21;28	62;143	Chautauqua L.	Elderkin; Sundell
Canada Goose	" 4;12	2500;2015	Iroquois NWR	Mitchell, Morse
"	" 23	250	Langford Pond	McKales
Brant	" 15;23	1;45	Olcott	Andrles; Freeland
"	" 15	2	Crescent Beach, Ont.	McMichael
"	" 18;18	2,2	Waverly Beach, Ont.; Erie Beach, Ont.	Hess; Andrle, Byron
Mallard	" 12	402	Iroquois NWR	Morse



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Black Duck	November	12	32	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Gadwall	"	5,12,20,26	48,60,55,57	Iroquois NER	Morse
Pintail	"	5,12,20,26	62,35,9,24	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Green-winged Teal	"	5,12,20,26	100,65,1,2	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	22	1	N.Falls(Goat I.)	Freeland
American Wigeon	"	5,12,20,26	279,65,46,13	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	30	50	N. Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Northern Shoveler	"	4	1	Iroquois NWR	Mitchell
	"	21;28	3;1	Mayville; Greenhurst	Elderkin; Sundell
Wood Duck	"	4	1	Iroquois NWR	Mitchell
	"	26	1	(inj.) Belmont	Burtons, Jordan
Redhead	"	5,12,20,26	24,17,15,5	Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	20	15	Bird Is. Pier	Freeland
Ring-necked Duck	"	5,12,20,26	22,24,29,6	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Canvasback	"	30	500	N. Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Bufflehead	"	22	1500	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
Oldsquaw	"	11	225	Lakewood	Sundell
Harlequin Duck	"	29,30	3,1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell
King Eider	"	23F	1	N.Falls Gorge	Rew, et al.
Surf Scoter	"	1,30	1,4	Bird Is. Pier	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
	"	11	2	Chautauqua L.	Sundell
	"	15,22	5,3	N.Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
	"	16	1	Chippawa	Klabundes
Black Scoter	"	1	1	Bird Is. Pier	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
	"	1,9	10,1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
	"	11,18,28	1,1,3	Chautauqua L.	Sundell
	"	13	1	Hamburg	Bourne
	"	15,22,30	2,2,2	N. Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
	"	16	3	Chippawa	Klabundes
	"	23	25	Olcott	Freeland
Ruddy Duck	"	11	220	Chautauqua L.	Sundell
	"	16	30	N.Falls	Emerson, et al.; Klabundes
	"	26	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Hooded Merganser	"	21;28	30;40	Mayville	Elderkin, Sundell
	"	29	64	Sunset Bay	Rew, et al.
Common Merganser	"	30	330;200	Chippawa, Ont.; N. Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
Red-breasted Merganser	"	23	450	Olcott	Freeland



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Turkey Vulture	November	25L	1 Lancaster	Freeland
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	<u>4</u>	1 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell
	"	15;17-20	1;1 Hinsdale;Belmont	Fornesses;
	"	29	1 Pomfret	Burtons
Cooper's Hawk	"	7;24	1;1 Alfred;Belmont	Rew, et al.
	"	11	1 Times Beach	Brooks;Burtons
Red-shouldered Hawk	"	1	1 East Amherst	Hess
Rough-legged Hawk	"	23F	2 Ransomville	Freeland
	"	29	1 Charlotte	Klabundes
Marsh Hawk	"	4	1 Iroquois NWR	Rew,et al.
	"	16	2 Charlotte	Mitchell
Common Gallinule	"	8L	1 Mayville	Rew,Buck
American Coot	"	12	441 Iroquois NWR	Rew, et al.
	"	28	3868 Chautauqua L.	Morse
Killdeer	"	8	25 Cuba Lake	Sundell
	"	9	35 Newstead	Burtons
Black-bellied Plover	"	1	1 Bird Is. Pier	McKales
	"	2	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner,Clark
	"	4	1 Iroquois NWR	et al.
	"	5;8;20L	4;11;2 Times Beach	McKales
American Woodcock	"	12L	1 Alfred	Mitchell
Common Snipe	"	4;26;28L	1;13;4 Iroquois NWR	Schaffner;
	"	8	6 Cuba Lake	Andrles;Hess
	"	9	1 Buffalo	Klingensmith
Greater Yellowlegs	"	3;4	1;2 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell;Morse;
	"	5;9L	3;2 Times Beach	Olsen
	"			Burtons
Lesser Yellowlegs	"	8;9L	2;1 Times Beach	Freeland
	"			Michaels
Purple Sandpiper	"	15F	1 Crescent Beach, Ont.	Andrles;Free-
	"	16;30	3;6 N.Falls area	land,Michaels
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	4L	2 Iroquois NWR	McMichael
White-rumped Sandpiper	"	4L	1 Iroquois NWR	Happ;Axtell
Dunlin	"	5,26	24,1 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell
	"	18	23 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Mitchell
	"	20	1 Bird Is. Pier	Morse
* Long-billed Dowitcher	"	4	1 Iroquois NWR	Hess
Sanderling	"	4L	2 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
Red Phalarope	"	18	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Mitchell
Parasitic Jaeger	"	1	2 Hamburg	Hess
Glaucous Gull	"	15F-22	1-2 Niagara R.area	Andrle
	"	23	4 Niagara R.	Schaffner,Clark
				et al;Andrles
				Axtell

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Iceland Gull	November	15F-30	1-2 Niagara R.area	Andrles; Klabundes
"	"	16	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	16,22	1,1 Dunkirk Harbor	Andrles
*Iceland Gull ( <u>kumlieni</u> )	"	15F-30	1-2 Niagara R. area	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
Franklin's Gull	"	1	1 Bird Is. Pier	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
"	"	11L	1,1 Ft. Niagara, Niag. Power Proj.	Andrles
Bonaparte's Gull	"	22	7000 N. Falls	Freeland
Little Gull	"	1,8	2,7 Bird Is. Pier	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
"	"	1	5 Hamburg	Andrles
"	"	22;29	1;1 Niagara R.	Freeland; Axtell
Common Tern	"	1;4	5;3 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.; Andrle
"	"	9	1 Times Beach	Sommerville, Gardiner
Snowy Owl	"	17F;23	1;1 N. Falls; Ransomville	Klabundes
"	"	27-30	2 Buffalo Harbor	Rew, Ulrich; Andrle, et al.
Short-eared Owl	"	3	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	23	5 Youngstown	Klabundes
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	2	2 Erie Beach, Ont.	McKales
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	8	1 Amity	Pitzricks
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	"	1-19	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Horned Lark	"	6,9,19	8,10,2 Alfred	Brooks
( <u>E.a. praticola</u> )	"			
"	"	23	30 Ransomville	Klabundes
Horned Lark	"	20F	5 Hamburg	Bourne
( <u>E.a. alpestris</u> )	"			
Boreal Chickadee	"	23	1 Cuba	Burtons, Keoples
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-30	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	2	2 Erie Beach, Ont.	McKales
"	"	8,29	1,2 Canadaway Cr. N.S.	Rew, et al.
"	"	19-26	1-2 Lewiston	Klabundes
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	1-30	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	7,9,16	4,2,2 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	16	5 Pendleton	McKales
"	"	20;29	1 Orchard Park	Saville
"	"	29	1 Canadaway Cr. N.S.	Rew, et al.
Winter Wren	"	1-30	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	2	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	McKales
"	"	29	2 Canadaway Cr. N.S.	Rew, et al.
* <u>Bewick's Wren</u>	"	2	1 Cuba	Ayers, Forness

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Carolina Wren	November	1-30	2-3 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	2;23	2;1 Erie Beach, Ont.;	McKales;
	"	6	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
	"	20	1 Alfred	Brooks
Long-billed Marsh Wren	"	9L	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Mockingbird	"	4,21	1 Tifft Farm N.P.	Freeland
	"	5;23	6,1 Lewiston area	Klabundes
	"	9	1;1 Grand I.; Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	16-30	1 Newstead	McKales
	"	18	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
	"	21-30	1 Long Beach, Ont.	Hess
	"	22	1-2 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
	"		1 Sir Adam Beck, Ont.	Schaffner,
				Clark, et al.
Gray Catbird	"	3,4L	1 Orchard Park	Saville
Hermit Thrush	"	15L	1 Youngstown	Andrles
Eastern Bluebird	"	7L	1 Alfred	Brooks
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	1-16	2-3 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	4	1 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell
	"	5,7,18	2,1,1 Alfred	Brooks
	"	8	2 Canadaway Cr. N.S.	Rew, et al.
	"	23L	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
Water Pipit	"	2	65 Cambria	McKales
	"	5	3 Times Beach	Schaffner
	"	5,6,7,9	45,9,2,3 Alfred	Brooks
	"	15	6-8 Crescent Beach, Ont.	McMichael
	"	16	18 Elma	Danner
Cedar Waxwing	"	3	100 Belmont	Burtens
	"	3-30	40 Orchard Park	Saville
Northern Shrike	"	11	1 Grand Is.	Klabundes
	"	18	1 Olcott	Wagner
	"	22	2 Amherst	Freeland
	"	30	1 Iroquois NWR	McKales
Loggerhead Shrike	"	15	1 Hinsdale	Fornesses
Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	4	2 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell
	"	5;14,16	1;2,1 Alfred; Belmont	Brooks; Pitzricks
	"	8	3 Prendergast Pt.	Rew, et al.
	"	9	5 Tifft Farm	Freeland
	"	19	2 Spring Brook	Danner
Bay-breasted Warbler	"	9L	1 Tifft Farm	Freeland
Common Yellowthroat	"	4L	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
Eastern Meadowlark	"	4	1 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell
	"	9	5 Friendship	Burtens
	"	18	1 Boston	Bourne
Northern Oriole	"	9	1 Buffalo	Kikta, et al.
Red-winged Blackbird	"	1-12	40-50 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	4	5 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell
	"	27,28	2,2 Belmont	Burtens

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Rusty Blackbird	November	3	6 Belmont	Burtons
"	"	9L	1 Tifft Farm	Freeland
Brown-headed Cowbird	"	5	16 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	28	100 Royalton Ctr.	Klabundes
Evening Grosbeak	"	3	100 Belmont	Burtons
"	"	16	60 Alfred	Klingensmith
House Finch	"	9	1 Buffalo	McMichael
*Pine Grosbeak	"	6F,9	12,10 Alfred	L. Burton, B. Brooks
"	"	9	10 Frand Is.	Klabundes
Common Redpoll	"	25F	2 Orchard Park	Saville
Pine Siskin	"	2	19 Erie Beach, Ont.	McKales
"	"	3	1 Belmont	Burtons
"	"	24	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Crossbill (sp.?)	"	1-30	10-20 (flocks) Alfred	Klingensmith
Red Crossbill	"	3	6 East Amherst	Freeland
"	"	5	8 Alfred	Brooks
Rufous-sided Towhee	"	5L	1 Times Beach	Schaffner
Vesper Sparrow	"	18L	1 Boston	Bourne
Chipping Sparrow	"	4L	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
Field Sparrow	"	5	2 Times Beach	Schaffner
"	"	9	1 Tifft Farm N.P.	Freeland
"	"	29	2 Belmont	Burtons
White-crowned Sparrow	"	1-10	2-4 Belmont	Burtons
Swamp Sparrow	"	9	25 Tifft Farm N.P.	Freeland
"	"	23L	1 Belmont	Burtons
Snow Bunting	"	8F	1 Woodlawn	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	9;17;19	50;1;1 Times Beach	Sommerville; Gardiner; Hess; Schaffner
"	"	11	70 Port Weller, Ont.	Andrles
"	"	15	105 Olcott	Andrles
"	"	18	35-40 Elma	Danner
"	"	23	3 Tifft Farm N.P.	Hulls

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 274

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 5

Total for year . . . . . 279

BIRD BANDING AT FARMERSVILLE STATION IN 1974

By Donald F. Clark

This report summarizes the bird banding activities at a private refuge for the year 1974. This 46 acre refuge is located in Farmersville Township of Cattaraugus County in New York State. The exact location is latitude 42° 2' and longitude 78° 2'. On a road map, it is approximately one mile south of Farmersville Station, New York on Hicks Road. The post office address, however, is R.D. Hicks Road, Franklinville, New York 14737.

This is the first complete year of banding on the refuge and the first full year of residence here. Consequently, banding operations were conducted on 257 days during the year. On 118 days nets were used. Traps were used on 198 days. Obviously at times both nets and traps were in use. This will go down in our memories as "the year of the winter finches." It was common to see 200 plus Evening Grosbeaks at our feeders at one time. The Tree Sparrows were here in numbers - 50 to 100 at a time. In April Purple Finches and Pine Siskins came in by the dozens and all winter long American Goldfinches fed on Thistle seeds.

The winter was relatively open and warm. The most snow we had in January and February was 10" on the ground. This in a snow belt area where we are used to 2 to 3 feet of snow all winter long. Temperatures managed to get to a minus 10° F several nights. A Great Blue Heron was seen on February 14th and our ponds were ice free on March 10th, the earliest date so far.

Two special events occurred this year concerning bird banding. We met Bruce Penrod, a technician for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, who is doing a study of Wild Turkeys. This general area is the center of the turkey population study. I was fortunate to be allowed to participate in "rocket net" trapping and in observing their techniques of placing radios on hens and keeping track of them through directional radio antenna. Bruce and I caught 3 hens and 15 poults on Pierce Hill Road, August 17th using a rocket net. While I held, he placed a streamer and clip on the wing, checked primary feather moult, took a blood sample, measured the crus and then weighed the bird. It was quite an experience. Bruce is also banding at his home about 7 miles from the refuge but within the 10° block. He caught one of my banded B.C. Chickadees and I caught 2 of his banded Evening Grosbeaks.

The other special event was Mrs. Richard (Betsy) Brooks obtaining a Sub-permit under my Master Permit. She is an outstanding "birder" working near Alfred, N.Y. She has written for American Birds and maintains breeding bird surveys and winter bird survey reports on areas in Allegany County. Betsy has also discovered the first Clay-colored Sparrow nest in Allegany County and has located Myrtle Warbler, White-throated Sparrow and Golden-crowned Kinglet nests that are extremely rare in this area. She banded during the fall months and then obtained her Master Permit.

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April was cold with snow. Tremendous flocks of Slate-colored Juncos and Robins came in during the early weeks. A Red-tailed Hawk knocked a Potter Trap off a feeder trying to get at an Evening Grosbeak inside the trap. Later I found the hawk dead. It had a broken leg. The weather in the spring was wet, cold and windy. The warbler migration was very poor - weather so cold that Baltimore Orioles were feeding at the suet feeders.

Very little banding was attempted during the summer months. The weather was wet and windy in general. We had frequent guests. Jane spent a few days in the hospital. I spent most of the time trying to put in a lawn and finish the grading around the house. In September I poured over a hundred feet of concrete sidewalk.

The fall migration was also below average, fewer warblers and thrushes. Since I started banding in 1966, the Yellow-rumped Warblers have come in numbers every other year. This was the year they should have been here in numbers. Very few were seen and even fewer caught in the nets. A killing frost occurred on September 23rd and snow fell on October 2nd. A Northern Shrike took advantage of my traps and eventually killed 10 Tree Sparrows before I moved him four miles south of here.

The Region VI Atlantic Flyway Review was edited again this year by this bander.

We participated in all bird counts for the Allegany County Bird Club and the Buffalo Ornithological Society for this section. Two field trips were held on the property for the Allegany Bird Club, the Buffalo Ornithological Society and the Buffalo Audubon Society. Banding demonstrations were given on both dates. Three slide lectures were presented to local organizations with emphasis placed on bird banding.

The winter finches did not return in numbers in November and December. There were Evening Grosbeaks, American Goldfinches and Tree Sparrows at the feeders daily but in fewer numbers. The Blue Jays made up for the lack of finches. It was common to see 50 or more Blue Jays at one time. All people in the area that maintained feeders commented on the great numbers of Blue Jays.

Summary of birds banded by Sub-permittee E. W. Brooks in 1974:

Birds banded in New York State-Allegany County-Alfred-one-half mile west  
Sub-permit #427-A.

2	Downy Woodpecker	1	Evening Grosbeak
22	Blue Jay	1	White-crowned Sparrow
8	Black-capped Chickadee	6	Tree Sparrow
1	Starling	1	Dark-eyed Junco (slate-
1	Magnolia Warbler		colored)
1	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)		

Total 45 birds banded of ten species from 10-04-74 to 12-31-74

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10 Most Commonly Banded Birds:

1974 Only	Total 1966 through 1974
528 Tree Sparrow	2435 Tree Sparrow
363 Evening Grosbeak	1181 Song Sparrow
188 Dark-eyed Junco	1166 Dark-eyed Junco
180 Song Sparrow	943 Yellow-rumped Warbler
118 White-throated Sparrow	739 White-throated Sparrow
110 Blue Jay	683 Evening Grosbeak
91 American Goldfinch	625 Black-capped Chickadee
83 Purple Finch	547 Blue Jay
64 Black-capped Chickadee	453 Gray Catbird
62 Starling	424 Field Sparrow

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Summary of 1974 Banding Totals by Species:

1 Sharp-shinned Hawk	2 Cedar Waxwing
1 Red-tailed Hawk	4 Northern Shrike
2 Black-billed Cuckoo	62 Starling
1 Belted Kingfisher	1 Yellow-throated Vireo
4 Common Flicker	21 Red-eyed Vireo
6 Hairy Woodpecker	8 Philadelphia Vireo
17 Downy Woodpecker	4 Blue-winged Warbler
1 Great-crested Flycatcher	8 Tennessee Warbler
12 Eastern Phoebe	1 Orange-crowned Warbler
5 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	5 Nashville Warbler
4 Least Flycatcher	12 Yellow Warbler
1 Eastern Wood Pewee	36 Magnolia Warbler
4 Tree Swallow	3 Cape May Warbler
110 Blue Jay	2 Black-throated Blue Warbler
64 Black-capped Chickadee	32 Yellow-rumped Warbler
4 White-breasted Nuthatch	2 Black-throated Green Warbler
7 Brown Creeper	3 Blackburnian Warbler
7 House Wren	7 Chestnut-sided Warbler
2 Winter Wren	7 Bay-breasted Warbler
48 Gray Catbird	6 Blackpoll Warbler
3 Brown Thrasher	4 Palm Warbler
12 American Robin	1 Ovenbird
1 Wood Thrush	6 Northern Waterthrush
5 Hermit Thrush	25 Common Yellowthroat
14 Swainson's Thrush	9 Wilson's Warbler
3 Veery	3 Canada Warbler
4 Golden-crowned Kinglet	3 American Redstart
12 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	39 Red-winged Blackbird

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4 Northern Oriole	2 Rufous-sided Towhee
10 Rusty Blackbird	1 Savannah Sparrow
41 Common Grackle	188 Dark-eyed Junco
29 Brown-headed Cowbird	528 Tree Sparrow
10 Scarlet Tanager	18 Chipping Sparrow
7 Cardinal	31 Field Sparrow
14 Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2 White-crowned Sparrow
3 Indigo Bunting	118 White-throated Sparrow
363 Evening Grosbeak	1 Fox Sparrow
83 Purple Finch	1 Lincoln's Sparrow
29 Pine Siskin	14 Swamp Sparrow
91 American Goldfinch	180 Song Sparrow

2439 Total Birds Banded of 80 Species

During 1974 the following number of birds were recaptured more than 90 days after the previous banding.

Species	Ind	Times	Known minimum years of age										Total
			9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
Hairy Woodpecker	3	3						1		1	1	3	
Downy Woodpecker	5	5					2				3	5	
Y.S. Flicker	1	1							1			1	
Blue Jay	25	28	1			7		1	6	3	7	25	
Starling	4	4						1	1	2		4	
B. H. Cowbird	11	11						2	2	7		11	
R. W. Blackbird	2	2							1	1		2	
Baltimore Oriole	2	2							1	1		2	
C. Grackle	2	2		1					1			2	
Evening Grosbeak	2	2								1	1	2	
Am. Goldfinch	11	12									11	11	
Tree Sparrow	99	115	1				1	5	13	23	56	99	
Field Sparrow	1	1					1					1	
S.C. Junco	6	6									6	6	
Song Sparrow	6	6				1		1		4		6	
R.S. Towhee	1	1								1		1	
Cardinal	1	1									1	1	
G. Catbird	1	1						1				1	
W. B. Nuthatch	5	6						1	1	3		5	
B.C. Chickadee	35	50	2			1	2	1	2	9	18	35	
Veery	1	1									1	1	
Robin	1	1								1		1	
Totals	225	261	1	4		9	6	14	30	56	105	225	

225 individual birds of 22 species returned during 1974.



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Recoveries in 1974:

Five recovery reports were received from the Bird Banding Office in 1974.

Black-capped Chickadee:

Number 1300-37765: Banded on 09-29-73 as a HY-U at the refuge. It was caught by Bruce Penrod 2 miles west of Delevan, N.Y. on 02-09-74. This is about  $15\frac{1}{2}$  miles north-west of the refuge. The bird was caught in a mist net and released.

Evening Grosbeak:

Number 612-09167: Banded on 12-11-73 as a HY-M at the refuge. It was found dead by Walter A. Rutski at Hornell, N.Y. on 02-18-74. This is about 35 miles east south east of the refuge.

Evening Grosbeak:

Number 812-33235: Banded on 03-23-74 as an AHY-F at the refuge. It was caught by Ted Grisez at Warren, Pa. on 04-21-74. This is approximately  $55\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-west of the refuge. (The first foreign retrap caught at this refuge in 1967 was a Tree Sparrow banded by Mr. Grisez at Warren, Pa.) The bird was trapped and released.

Evening Grosbeak:

Number 74-112141: Banded 04-14-73 as a AHY-M at the refuge. It was caught by a cat in Riviere Madeleine, Quebec, Canada. Mr. M. Raymond Campion of Gaspe, Quebec reported the band through a conservation officer. This location is about 792 miles north east of the refuge and is the first recovery from the province of Quebec.

Evening Grosbeak:

Number 812-33339: Banded on 05-12-74 as a AHY-F at the refuge. It was found dead by George G. Jayne at Nine Mi' Point, N.Y. on 05-19-74 just one week later. This is about 84 miles north east of the refuge.

Foreign Retraps for 1974:

Five birds banded by other banders were caught in 1974.

American Goldfinch:

Number 1240-99727: Banded 04-03-71 as a AHY-U by Mrs. G.C. Metcalf at Plainfield, Vermont. It was trapped at the refuge on 04-28-74 about 342 miles south west of the point of banding.

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Evening Grosbeak:

Number 741-38544: Banded on 02-10-70 as a AHY-N by Mrs. D. W. Briggs at Middleboro, Mass. It was trapped at the refuge on 02-01-74 about 396 miles west of the point of banding.

Evening Grosbeak:

Number 741-50207: Banded on 02-14-72 as a AHY-N by Mrs. R. A. Beck near Williamsburg, Virginia. It was trapped at the refuge on 12-08-74 about 414 miles north of the banding site.

Evening Grosbeak:

Number 791-14041: Banded 12-06-72 as a AHY-N by Mrs. T. A. Petts 11 miles north of Alpena, Michigan. It was trapped at the refuge on 12-09-74 about 325 miles south east of the banding point.

Evening Grosbeak:

Number 781-60126: Banded 02-24-73 as a AHY-F by W. L. Fye near Knox, Pennsylvania. It was trapped at the refuge on 05-06-74 about 90 miles north east of the banding site.

Birds observed at the refuge:

Year	Species Seen	New Species for year	Total
1959	72	72	72
1960	100	38	110
1961	101	18	128
1962	112	15	143
1963	106	5	148
1964	109	5	153
1965	115	4	157
1966	122	6	163
1967	125	3	166
1968	121	4	170
1969	128	3	173
1970	132	4	177
1971	130	3	180
1972	129	0	180
1973	127	0	180
1974	129	4	184

184 species out of 264 (or 68%) possible species listed in the Buffalo Ornithological Field Check List for the entire western New York area plus the Niagara peninsula of Ontario, Canada have been seen on this 46 acre refuge.

Statistical Breakdown of Banding Operation:

In 1974 mist nets were used to capture 25.9% of the birds while 74.0% were caught in traps..01% were obtained in other ways. This is a complete reversal from previous years when 71.1% of the birds were captured in mist nets and only 28.3% caught in traps. These results are due to two primary changes in the operation of this banding station. One is the fact that we now live permanently at the station and maintain feeders and traps daily during the winter months. Secondly, the addition of a maze trap materially increased the number of birds caught. Due to the large numbers caught in the traps, no nets have been used during winter months. It is amazing that 4388 birds were trapped in 1974 in 3 single Potter Traps, 1 two celled Potter Trap, a small circular maze trap and 1 large 'figure 8' maze trap.

Injuries, Deformities and Variations Noted on Birds Captured in 1974:

The following is a list of the birds and the specific injury noted when banded.

Tree Sparrow	All claws left foot only were white, left leg broken and healed
Evening Grosbeak	Scaly leg
Evening Grosbeak	White ridge 8x2x2 mm top mandible - top layer broken off
Tree Sparrow	Left outer tail feather white
Cardinal	10x15 mm scar, top of head, well healed
R.w. Blackbird	Right leg broken - well healed
Starling	Center toe, left foot, straight claw 3mm long
Evening Grosbeak	Outer toe, left foot - no claw
S.c. Junco	Right leg off at knee - well healed
B.h. Cowbird	Left foot, center toe missing - no claws on other two front toes
Evening Grosbeak	Upper mandible 4 mm shorter than other
S.c. Junco	Rear claw, left foot missing
Evening Grosbeak	Upper mandible 5 mm shorter than lower, groove 10x1 wide on upper
Song Sparrow	Badly swollen left knee
Catbird	Upper mandible 2 mm shorter than lower
W.b. Nuthatch	Both mandibles broken off at tip
Tree Sparrow	Claw on center toe, left foot missing
Tree Sparrow	White claws, center toe right foot missing
Blue Jay	Left foot, left toe off at 2nd joint
Evening Grosbeak	Upper mandible badly broken, 5x10 mm in size 11 mm from feather line

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ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

B.O.S. Niagara Loop Trip  
November 16, 1975

By Mary Louise Emerson

After a week of heavy winds, cold, rain and snow, Sunday, November 16th was one glorious day with blue sky and sunshine. This clear, sparkling atmosphere gave 22 of us, a caravan of ten cars, wonderful views of the ducks in the Niagara River.

South of the Peace Bridge was great concentration of Buffleheads. Here also were seen the three species of scoters, Common and Redbreasted Merganser, scaup and Common Goldeneye with a few Horned Grebe. In the Sanctuary area on the Niagara Parkway were the usual Mallards, Black Ducks, Horned Grebe, Mergansers and one Gadwall. It was at this location a year ago that the Eared Grebe was observed. We were sorry not to find this bird, nor did we find any "rare" species this day.

Travelling down the river, we were delighted to see Canvasbacks, one Hooded Merganser and two Gadwalls.

Another great concentration of ducks was located above the Falls, south of the control gates. Practically all species previously seen were here. Redheads were added to the list. A Little Gull hovered over the ducks, staying in such a small area observers were able to focus their scopes on it and get beautiful views.

Coot, another Gadwall and scoters were seen at the Falls. At the Adam Beck Power Plant, whitewinged gulls were spotted by Bill Vaughan, Walter Klabunde and Jim Braunberns who were able to show the others at least one of the gulls. The report seems to be two Iceland and two Glaucous Gulls. Land bird observations were few, perhaps because we concentrated our attention on the river. Seen were Cedar Waxwings, Song sparrows, Chickadees, 3 Yellow-rumped Warblers, 2 Redtailed Hawks, 1 Sparrow Hawk, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers.

From Queenston a number of us were led by the Klabundes to the Robert Moses Power Plant's reservoir. This last observation point produced 30 Ruddy Ducks. In all we had some 42 species throughout the day.

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NOTES

A Plea For Information

The editor requests all B.O.S. members and others who submit records of bird observations to the Society to take the opportunity to enclose notes commenting on the numbers and movement of birds seen for the period reported. We are especially interested in unusual numbers of a species, either congregating at feeders or noticed on field trips. Conversely, any decline in numbers or failure to see species usually anticipated during a season is equally important. Biological data such as unusual behavior or change in feeding habits is also welcome and all notes describing observations of such phenomena will be published. Send along your notes in this regard to Dave Freeland, the compiler of records, who will forward them to the editor.

The observation of the changing status of bird populations in Western New York and the Niagara Peninsula of Southern Ontario represents perhaps the only valid contribution we, as amateurs, can make to the science of Ornithology. It cannot adequately be reflected in 'noteworthy records', 'nesting records' or our seasonal census taking without a massive infusion of additional data in the form of written comments from the observers on the significance of the reports they are submitting. This is not to say we should not delight in field trips in the hope of seeing a rare bird which we can add to our life's list. I am convinced that the continuing thrill of seeing these rare and unusual birds is the reason for the popularity of our hobby and the competitive spirit it engenders is all to the good. However, let us rejoice also in the knowledge that our incidental record keeping provides data of scientific value which are being utilized and may be the only source of information on bird movement and numbers in the locality where you reside.

PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's club room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

- February 11th: "My Favorite Birding Areas." Members discussion moderated by Edward Williams. Members should come with their BOS sectional maps prepared to exchange information on good birding spots by utilizing the coordinates on the maps.  
(2) Report on results of Tiffit Farm Nature Preserve winter bird study presented by Marcya Foster.  
(3) Discussion on identification of Purple Finch and House Finch aided by skins and recordings.
- February 25th: "Follow the wind to Tucson." A Sierra Club sound film depicting the flora and fauna of the Island of

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February 25th, continued

Tucson in the Seychelles Island chain in the Indian Ocean. Since the entire island is a bird refuge, this is an opportunity for some exotic armchair birding.

(2) Membership discussion on verification write-ups. Moderated by Edward Williams, the members will have a chance to direct questions to present and past Society statisticians on how to prepare an acceptable write-up and avoid ambiguity.

#### PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

February 21st:

Joint field trip with Allegany County Bird Club. We will rendezvous in the parking lot opposite the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora at 8:15 a.m. where the first order of business will be to consolidate vehicles. We will then drive over route 20-A to route 400 and proceed east to route 16 following it to route 39, turning left and proceeding in an easterly direction to route 98, motoring south to Country Road #59 to Centerville to the intersection of the County Line Road, about one mile east of Freedom where Lou Burton and Larry Wilson will have the Allegany County people waiting to meet us.

NOTE: Snow date is February 28th, same time and place!

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## THE MONTH

December was decidedly more seasonable than the two preceding months with substantial snowfalls in the immediate vicinity of Buffalo on the 17th, 20th and the 26th. The average temperature for the month was  $28.3^{\circ}\text{F}$ , a departure of  $0.4^{\circ}$  from the norm. The low temperature for the year at Buffalo,  $-4^{\circ}\text{F}$ , was recorded on the 24th. Precipitation measured 4.58 inches, 1.58 inches above normal. Snowfall at the Buffalo Airport measured 27.3 inches for the month. There were no major weather disturbances. (Meteorological data as recorded at Buffalo International Airport.)

In spite of the return to old fashioned winter weather, the number of species of more austral affinities reported during the month did not diminish. On the contrary, the reports would indicate that the persistent northward spread of these birds, commented on previously in these pages, continues. The most obvious examples are the Carolina Wren and the Mockingbird but perusal of the summaries of the Christmas Bird Counts in the B.O.S. study area published in this issue indicate others, most notably the Red-bellied Woodpecker which is spreading both east and west from its center of abundance in the Genesee River Valley. Other remarkable records of 'half-hardy' species for the month include a late Virginia Rail at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge on the 23rd and reports of Sharp-shinned Hawks apparently wintering here in record numbers.

Interesting northern visitors include more reports of Boreal Chickadees which apparently have 'invaded' the northeastern states in numbers and at least one and possibly two adult male Black-backed Three-toed Woodpeckers reported from the Central Park area of Buffalo where individual birds were observed on Meadow Road and Linden Avenue scaling bark from dead elm trees in those neighborhoods. The large number of dead and dying elm trees in North Buffalo have also attracted many Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers this winter.

Other interesting records for the month include late flocks of Whistling Swans on Chautauqua Lake, a female Harlequin Duck on the Niagara River at Fort Erie, seen throughout the month and a number of late records of shorebirds including a Red Phalarope at Niagara-on-the-Lake on December 21st.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide To Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	December	2,9	6,4 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
	"	13	1 Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
Red-throated Loon	"	7	1 N.Falls Gorge	Freeland
	"	27	2 <u>Dunkirk Harbor</u>	Sundells
Red-necked Grebe	"	16	1 Bemus Point	Sundell
Horned Grebe	"	2	342 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
	"	7	70 Niagara River	Freeland
Pied-billed Grebe	"	4-31	1-2 Belmont	Burtens
	"	27,28	5,1 Dunkirk, Jamestown	Sundells
Great Blue Heron	"	6	1 Buffalo (Niagara St.)	Happ, Harrington
	"	14	1 Iroquois NWR	Gibson
	"	31	1 Belmont	Burtens
Whistling Swan	"	2,9,16	130,130,170 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
Canada Goose	"	6	55 Belmont	Burtens
	"	18-19	154 Alfred	Brooks
	"	27	6 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
	"	31	8 Ripley	Freeland
Mallard	"	13	128 Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
Gadwall	"	7;13	8;5 Niagara River	Freeland; Mitchell, et al.
Pintail	"	7	80 Niagara Falls	Freeland
	"	14	10,25 N.Falls, Buckhorn Is. S.P.	Andrle, et al.
	"	14	2 Iroquois NWR	Gibson, Happ

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Green-winged Teal	December	7;14	3;2	Niagara Falls	Freeland;Andrle, et al.
	"	23	1	Forest Lawn	McMichael
American Wigeon	"	7;13	170;15	Niagara River	Freeland;Mitchell, et al.
Redhead	"	7;13	150;105	Niagara River	Freeland;Mitchell, et al.
	"	9,16	250,300	Chautauqua Lake	Suncell
	"	19	51	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
Ring-necked Duck	"	13	1	Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
Canvasback	"	7	2500,200	N. Falls, Ft. Niagara	Freeland
	"	13	1000	Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
Greater Scaup	"	7;13	3000;3511	Niagara River	Freeland, Mitchell, et al.
Lesser Scaup	"	7	40	Wilson	Freeland
	"	19	22	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
Bufflehead	"	7	75,100	Niagara Falls, Ft. Niagara	Freeland
	"	13	800	Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
Oldsquaw	"	13	100	Niagara River (upper)	Mitchell, et al.
	"	16	34	Chautauqua Lake	Suncell
	"	19	680	(max.) Peace Bridge area	Axtell
Harlequin Duck	"	3,19,31	1,1,1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell
White-winged Scoter	"	7	1	Olcott	Freeland
	"	13	7	(max.) Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
	"	21	4	Niagara-on-the- Lake, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Surf Scoter	"	2,16	2,1	Dewittville	Suncell
	"	29	11	(max.) Niagara River	Axtell
Black Scoter	"	2,16	2,2	Dewittville	Sundell
	"	9	1	Pt. Chautauqua	Sundell
	"	13	7	(max.) Niagara River	Mitchell, et al.
Ruddy Duck	"	7	1	Niagara Falls	Andrle, et al.
Hooded Merganser	"	1-31;14	2-5;2	Niagara River, Niagara Falls	Axtell, Andrle, et al.
	"	2,9,16	200,250,200	Mayville	Sundell et al
Common Merganser	"	7;13	250;1500	Niagara River	Freeland;Mitchell, /
Red-breasted Merganser	"	7'13	150;141	Niagara River	Freeland, Mitchell, et al.
	"	7	75	Ft. Niagara	Freeland
Goshawk	"	4	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	15	1	Belmont	Burtens

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Sharp-shinned Hawk	December	12,18-28	1,2	Scio;Belmont	V.Pitzrick; Burtons
	"	17	1	Jamestown	Beal
	"	19,23	1,1	Hamburg	Foster
	"	23,28	1,1	Gerry,BustiTwp.	Sundell
Cooper's Hawk	"	1-27;23	2;1	Belmont;Angelica	Burtons;Foreman
	"	1-31	1	Rose Hill Rd.,Ont.	Axtell
	"	6-7	1	Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	8;27	1;1	Alfred;Catta- raugus Co.	Brooks; Fornesses
	"	9,22	1,1	Jamestown	Beal
	"	13	1	Kennedy	Sundell
	"	21,26,29	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Rough-legged Hawk	"	8;12	1;1	Hamburg	Bourne;Foster
	"	13;30	1;1	Ransomville; Lockport	Klabundes; Thill
	"	13,27	1,2	Cattaraugus Co.	Fornesses
	"	14	1;1	Carlton; Kuckville	Gibson,Happ; Happ
	"	28	1	Clarence	Freeland
	"	30	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
Marsh Hawk	"	2	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	14	1,3	Clarence,Carlton	Gibson, Happ
Virginia Rail	"	<u>23</u>	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse,Cloutier, Leindecker
American Coot	"	1-31	5-9	Niagara River	Axtell
	"	2,16	3575,4900	Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
Killdeer	"	4,7	4,1	Erie Beach,Ont.	Andrle,et al.
	"	21;28	2;1	Towerville; Stillwater	Beal;Sundell
	"	24,28	1	Ft. Erie,Ont.	Sommerville
	"	28	1	Beaver Is. S.P.	Thills
Common Snipe	"	8	3	Red Bird Corners	Beal
	"	31	1	Belmont	Burtons
Purple Sandpiper	"	7;23	1;1	Niagara Falls	Freeland;Axtell
Dunlin	"	4	3	Erie Beach,Ont.	Andrle,Byron
	"	<u>13,28,31</u>	2,2,3	Niagara Falls	Axtell
	"	<u>14</u>	3	Niagara Falls,Ont.	Andrle,et al.
Red Phalarope	"	<u>21</u>	1	Niag.-on-the- Lake,Ont.	Schaffner,Clark
Glaucous Gull	"	23,28	8	(max.)Niagara R.	Axtell
Iceland Gull ( <u>glaucoides</u> )	"	13;14	1;1	Niagara Falls,	Mitchell,et al; Niagara Falls,Ont. Andrle,et al.
	"	27	1	Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
	"	28	3	Queenston,Ont.	Axtell, et al.
Iceland Gull ( <u>kumlieni</u> )	"	21	3	Sir Adam Beck,Ont.	Clark,Schaffner
Little Gull	"	7	1	(imm.)NiagaraFalls	Freeland

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*Black-l. Kittiwake	December	23,28	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	28	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Wagner, Wilcove, et al.
Common Tern	"	7	1 Beaver Is. S.P.	Thill
Mourning Dove	"	1-31	180 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	25	100(max.) Eggertsville	McKales
"	"	21	64 Elma	Danner
Barn Owl	"	8	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Snowy Owl	"	6	1 Buffalo Harbor	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	7;18	1;1 Times Beach	Andrles; Schaffner
"	"	8	1 Buffalo (Tiff St.)	Andrles
Short-eared Owl	"	13	1 Grand Is.	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	28	1 Batavia (Turf Farm)	Freeland
Common Flicker	"	1-31	4 East Amherst	Freeland
"	"	14	5 Pendleton	McKales
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	28	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	"	14-18	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Black-backed 3-toed Wood.	"	24	1 Buffalo (Linden)	Wilcove
Horned Lark (alpestris)	"	4,7	50-60,25-30 Elma	Danner
(praticola)	"	14	3 Alfred	Klingensmith
Boreal Chickadee	"	13,28	1 Martha's Vineyard	Sundells, Fihlblad (Chautauqua Co.) Roby.
"	"	28	1 East Aurora	Stein, Mitchell, Off
"	"	30	1 Olean	Fox
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-31	3 Lewiston	Klabundes
"	"	1-31	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	22	4 Hamburg	Foster
"	"	22,25	1 Clarence	Wagner
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	14	6 Pendleton	McKales
"	"	14	4 Alfred	Brooks
Winter Wren	"	1-6	1 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	9,28	1,3 Stow, Florence	Sundell
"	"	11	1 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	21	1 Sunnyside	Beal
Carolina Wren	"	1-31	2-3 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	4	1 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	7	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Freeland
"	"	22-31	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	28	1 Queenston, Ont.	Wagner, Filor
Mocki gbird	"	1-31	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	7;14	1;2 Wilson	Freeland; Klabundes
"	"	7-29	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	"	20	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
"	"	28	1 Jamestown	Sundell
Gray Catbird	"	31	1 Alfred	Rhodes

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Golden-crowned Kinglet	December	1-31	1-3 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	22	1 Hamburg	Foster
"	"	29	3 Alfred	Brooks
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	<u>3,23</u>	1,1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	<u>27</u>	1 Canadaway Cr. N.S.	Rew
Cedar Waxwing	"	9,25, <u>26</u>	1,1,2 Hamburg	Skrzypek
Northern Shrike	"	7	1 Model City	McKales
"	"	8	1 imm. Red Bird	
			Corners	Beal
"	"	19	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	27	1 Cattaraugus Co.	Fornesses
Eastern Meadowlark	"	7;23	1;6 Amity, Rossburg	V. Pitzrick; M. Pitzrick
"	"	26-28	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
Northern Oriole	"	<u>3</u>	1 Buffalo	Kikta, et al.
Red-winged Blackbird	"	<u>7</u>	75 Millersport	Freeland
"	"	2-27	1-5 Belmont	Burtens
Rusty Blackbird	"	1,2-6	1,2 Hamburg	Skrzypek, Foster
"	"	25	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Common Grackle	"	8	15 Hamburg	Bourne
Brown-headed Cowbird	"	1-30	40(max.) Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	"	5,12	75,43 Eggertsville	McKales
Cardinal	"	1-31	65 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-31	96 (banded) Alfred	Brooks
"	"	1-31	75 (max.) Belmont	Burtens
Purple Finch	"	5,31	12,2 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	28	1 Alfred	Brooks
Pine Grosbeak	"	13	3 Hamburg	Bourne
Common Redpoll	"	7	25 Olcott	Freeland
"	"	8,16;17	13,13,24 Jamestown	Beal
"	"	19-20	5 East Amherst	Freeland
"	"	28;31	7,2 Dufferin Is., Ont.	McMichael; Axtell
Pine Siskin	"	12-31	1-2 Hamburg	Skrzypek, Foster
American Goldfinch	"	1-31	25(max.) Belmont	Burtens
"	"	28	42 Hamburg	Foster
Red Crossbill	"	27	14 Cattaraugus Co.	Fornesses
*White-winged Crossbill	"	7F	3 Ft. Niagara	Freeland
Rufous-sided Towhee	"	2-9	2 Alfred	Cushing, Eisenhardt
"	"	13	1 Cattaraugus Co.	Fornesses
Savanna Sparrow	"	30	1 Batavia	Salways, Mason
Field Sparrow	"	31	3 Belmont	Burtens
White-crowned Sparrow	"	5-27	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	13	1 Martha's Vineyard	Sundells, (Chautauqua L.) Fihlblad, Roby

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White-throated Sparrow	December	1-31	6-12 Spring Brook	Danner
Fox Sparrow	"	<u>18</u>	1 Clean	Woodard, et al.
Snow Bunting	"	<u>21</u>	50-60 Elma	Danner
Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . .				280
Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . .				2
Total for year . . . . .				282
+ Whimbrel & Long-e. Owl (previously omitted)				<u>2</u>
Grand Total				284

ADDENDA: 1975

<u>Cinnamon Teal</u>	June	26	1 Tonawanda TWA	Rebovich
* <u>Hudsonian Godwit</u>	Sept.	26	2 Times Beach, Buffalo	Hess
<u>Long-b. Dowitcher</u>	Oct.	12	1 Iroquois NWR	Wilcove, et al. (B.O.S. Count)
Sabine's Gull	Sept.	26	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	Sept.	6	1 Times Beach, Buffalo	Schaffner
* <u>Blue Grosbeak</u>	May	<u>14</u>	1 Fredonia	Sundell, Benton

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Little Gull	Aug.	<u>14</u>	1 Rock Pt. Prov. Park, Ont.	Brownstein, et al.
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ERRATUM

The editor appreciates any typographical errors or omissions being called to his attention.

<u>Prothonotary</u>	Vol. 41:11, page 144			
Long-b. Marsh Wren	Oct.	4, 24, 29L	1, 1, 1 Shongo, Belmont	V. Pitzrick, et al.
should read:				
Winter Wren	Oct..	4, 24, 29	1, 1, 1 Shongo, Belmont	V. Pitzrick, et al.



ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Report of the Forty-seventh B. O. S. Christmas Bird Count

Compiled by Marcya Foster

Date: December 21, 1975

Area: Centering on Grand Island, including both branches of the Niagara River and adjacent territory, from the gorge below the Falls to Fort Erie and Buffalo.

Weather: Mostly cloudy with intermittent snow flurries during early morning and afternoon hours; wind NE 5-15 m.p.h.; 6-8 inches of snow cover, inland waters frozen. Temperatures ranged from 10 to 23° F.

Coverage: Forty-six observers: 45 in 17 parties and one at feeders made observations from 6:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., covering 562 miles by car and 110 miles on foot.

Territories and Observers:

- A. Canada: Rainbow Bridge south to Welland River, and Niagara River west to M.C.R.R. Portage Road, and area boundary. - Robert Andrie, Josef Hauser, Marilyn Reeves, R. Blake Reeves.
- B. Canada: Welland River south to Black Creek, and Niagara River west to Queen Elizabeth Way and area boundary. - Mary Louise Emerson, James Braunberns, Marjorie Emerson.
- C. Canada: Queen Elizabeth Way west to area boundary and south to Bowen Road. - Alan Reckhow, Richard Byron, James Lafferty, Alice McKale, Willard McKale.
- D. Canada: Black Creek south to Peace Bridge, and Niagara River west to Queen Elizabeth Way. - Ralph Gardiner, Ronald Gardiner.
- E. Canada: Bowen Road south to area boundary and east to Queen Elizabeth Way and Niagara River. - Harold Axtell, Dorothy McMichael, Robert Sommerville, Wayne Tott.
- F. Porter Road, Hyde Park Blvd., Pine Avenue, Main Street south to Niagara River, including Goat and Cayuga Islands, and east to Military Road. - William Vaughan, Lois Vaughan.
- G. Military Road southeast to N.Y. State Barge Canal, and Niagara River northeast to area boundary. - Marie Wendling, Ann Bauer.

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- H. Sheridan Drive north to N.Y. State Barge Canal, and Niagara River east to area boundary. - Harold Fitchell, Neil Goodman, Stanley King, Brian Lewandowski, Robert Off, Joseph Stein, David Wilcove.
- J. Sheridan Drive east and south to area boundary, west to Niagara River. - David Freeland.
- K. Grand Island: West to Stony Point Road, north to Huth and Long Roads to Niagara River. - Edward Fessler.
- L. Grand Island: Huth and Long Roads south to Whitehaven Road, and Stony Point Road west to Niagara River. - Thomas Bourne, Marcya Foster, Richard Foster, James Zablotny.
- M. Grand Island: East of Stony Point Road and north of Whitehaven Road to Niagara River. - Kenneth Balmas.
- N. Grand Island: Whitehaven Road south to Love Road, and Baseline Road west to Niagara River. - Harriette and Walter Klabunde.
- O. Grand Island: Whitehaven Road south to Love Road, and Baseline Road east to Niagara River. - Harriette and Walter Klabunde.
- P. Grand Island: Love Road south to Spaulding Road, from the east branch to west branch of Niagara River. - Frances Rew, Alice Ulrich, Esther Krist, James Krist.
- Q. Grand Island: South of Spaulding Road, all of Beaver Island State Park. - Pauline and Robert Schwartz, Carolyn Frank.

At Feeders: Gordon Brown, Territory H.

Species Recorded: Figures indicate total number of birds seen; letters indicate territories where birds were seen, if recorded in three or fewer territories.

Common Loon	2	(F,J)
Horned Grebe	14	High, following last year's trend.
Great Blue Heron	2	(H,K) Below average.
Mallard	1162	Highest in history of count.
Black Duck	181	Lowest in history of count.
Gadwall	105	(A,B,F) Highest in history of count.
Pintail	4	(F) Lowest since 1960.
Green-winged Teal	8	(F,J) 2nd highest in 10 years, 3rd highest ever.
American Wigeon	216	(A,B,F) 3rd highest in history of count.
Redhead	59	Below average for 10 year period.

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Canvasback	3492	Near average for 10 year period.
Greater Scaup	2384	Average for 10 year period.
Lesser Scaup	19	(A,E,J) Above average for 10 year period.
Common Goldeneye	2474	A normal number.
Bufflehead	1146	Slightly above average for 10 year period.
Oldsquaw	730	2nd highest in 10 years, 3rd highest ever.
White-winged Scoter	23	Highest ever.
Surf Scoter	4	(E,J) 2nd highest in 10 years, 2nd highest ever.
Black Scoter	13	(A,E,J) Highest ever.
Ruddy Duck	4	(A,J) 3rd time in 10 years, highest ever.
Hooded Merganser	2	(A) Below average.
Common Merganser	3421	Below average.
Red-breasted Merganser	461	Highest since 1961.
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	(H) 2nd time in 10 years.
Red-tailed Hawk	50	Slightly below 10 year average.
American Kestrel	32	3rd lowest in 10 years, but average for that period.
Ring-necked Pheasant	28	Below average.
American Coot	9	(A,J) Highest ever.
Killdeer	1	(H)
Dunlin	3	(A) <u>First time ever reported on count.</u>
Glaucous Gull	6	(A) 3rd highest in 10 years.
Iceland Gull	1	(A)
Great Black-backed Gull	77	Below average.
Herring Gull	4578	Lowest since 1962
Ring-billed Gull	1460	Below 10 year average.
Bonaparte's Gull	1680	Below 10 year average.
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake</u>	1	(A) 3rd time ever reported on count, 1st in 1962.
Rock Dove	227	3rd time reported and lowest number in 10 years.
Mourning Dove	358	Highest ever.
Screech Owl	6	Slightly below the 10 year average.
Great Horned Owl	3	(J,N) Average for 10 year period.
Snowy Owl	1	(F) 4th time reported in 10 years.
Short-eared Owl	1	(H) Lowest in last 10 year period.
Belted Kingfisher	3	(A,F,N)
Common Flicker	7	lowest since 1966.
Hairy Woodpecker	16	Average for 10 year period.
Downy Woodpecker	88	3rd highest in 10 years.
<u>Black-backed 3-toed Woodpecker</u>	1	(J) Not on count since 1956, 2nd time ever.
Horned Lark	24	(E) 2nd highest in 10 years.
Blue Jay	184	An average number for 10 year period.
Common Crow	62	Low, but average for last 5 years.
Black-capped Chickadee	304	Above the 10 year average.
Tufted Titmouse	5	(G,P) 5th time in 10 years, 2nd highest ever.
White-breasted Nuthatch	32	Average
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6	(C,G,H) Highest in 10 years.

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Brown Creeper	9	Below average, 3rd lowest in 10 years.
Winter Wren	1	(N)
Carolina Wren	1	(A) 4th time ever, all in last 10 years.
Mockingbird	3	(D,E,F) Above average, 2nd highest ever.
American Robin	5	(F,H,P) Below 10 year average.
Hermit Thrush	1	(A) Average.
Golden-crowned Kinglet	8	(A,F,P) Lowest since 1959
Northern Shrike	1	(C) Lowest since 1966.
Starling	68200	2nd highest ever.
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	(A,K) 3rd time in 10 years.
House Sparrow	2300	Above average, 2nd highest in 10 years.
Red-winged Blackbird	5	(C,J) Below the 10 year average.
Common Grackle	1	(D) Below average.
Brown-headed Cowbird	70	2nd highest in 10 years.
Cardinal	256	Highest ever.
Evening Grosbeak	2	(J) 5th time in 10 years.
Purple Finch	6	(J) Highest in 10 years.
Common Redpoll	29	(G,H) 5th time in 10 years.
American Goldfinch	105	Highest in 10 years.
Dark-eyed Junco	106	Average for 10 year period.
Tree Sparrow	860	Slightly above average for 10 year period.
White-crowned Sparrow	1	(E) Low.
White-throated Sparrow	16	Low
Song Sparrow	27	Slightly below 10 year average.
Snow Bunting	1	(J)

TOTAL SPECIES: 80

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS: 97,197

Since 1929, only two years surpassed this year in total species seen on the annual B.O.S. Christmas Count. These two years were 1963 with 86 species and 1969 with 90 species. The three Dunlin reported from territory A are a new species to be reported. Six other species attained the highest number ever recorded on the count day: Mallard, White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Ruddy Duck, American Coot and Mourning Dove.

Species seen during the count period from December 20th through December 24th are as follows: Harlequin Duck, Cooper's Hawk, Purple Sandpiper, and Ruby -crowned Kinglet. All four of these species have appeared on the Christmas Count during the last ten years.

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1975 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS IN THE B.O.S. STUDY AREA

On the following pages we present the results of seven Christmas Bird Counts taken within the geographic boundaries of the B.O.S. Study Area between December 21st, 1975 and January 3rd, 1976. The Editor is indebted to Dr. Robert Andrie, Regional Editor of the Christmas Bird Count of the National Audubon Society for New York State, and Marie Wendling, Local Compiler for the Hamburg - East Aurora Count, for providing the count data for publication at this time.

Table #1

<u>Date</u>	<u>St. Bonaventure</u> 12-27-75	<u>Scio</u> 01-03-76	<u>Jamestown</u> 12-21-75	<u>Beaver Meadow</u> 01-03-76
Pied-b. Grebe	6	1		
Gr. Blue Heron		3	1	
Whistling Swan			33	
Canada Goose			104	
Mallard		1	100	
Black Duck	15	20	175	
Green-w. Teal			1	
Wood Duck	2			
Canvasback			1	
Gr. Scaup			1	
L. Scaup			6	
Bufflehead	1			
Oldsquaw	1			
Hooded Merganser	3			
Common Merganser		3		
Goshawk			1	
Sharp-sh. Hawk		3	1	
Cooper's Hawk	1	4	4	2
Red-tail. Hawk	3	5	17	8
Rough-leg. Hawk	2	1	4	2
Marsh Hawk		2		
Kestrel	13	11	4	12
Ruffed Grouse		7	2	1
Ring-n. Pheasant	2		14	2
Turkey	26	12		
Am. Coot			28	
Killdeer	1	1	7	1
Herring Gull	1	5	11	
Ring-b. Gull		2	14	
Rock Dove	242	596	365	298
Mourning Dove	29	280	173	119
Screech Owl			2	1

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<u>Date</u>	<u>St. Bonaventure</u> 12-27-75	<u>Scio</u> 01-03-76	<u>Jamestown</u> 12-21-75	<u>Beaver Meadow</u> 01-03-76
Gr. Horned Owl	2	2	8	3
Belt. Kingfisher	4	12	5	
Common Flicker		3	8	
Pileated Wdpkr.	3			
R.-bell. Wdpkr.				1
Hairy Wdpkr.	6	23	47	12
Downy Wdpkr.	44	74	122	21
Horned Lark	22	3	43	37
Blue Jay	113	215	291	82
Common Crow	17	659	87	145
Bl.-c. Chickadee	286	328	532	77
Boreal Chickadee		1	1	
Tufted Titmouse	2	3	18	
W.-br. Nuthatch	29	72	94	12
Red.-br. Nuthatch	2	7	9	1
Brown Creeper	1	2	6	
Winter Wren			2	
Carolina Wren	2	1	6	
Brown Thrasher			1	
American Robin			3	1
Hermit Thrush	1			
Golden-cr. Kinglet	2	16	3	
Cedar Waxwing	2	5	7	20
Northern Shrike	1	1	2	1
Starling	401	522	1349	513
Yellow-rump. Warbler			1	
House Sparrow	650	679	1,666	382
E. Meadowlark	27	4		2
Red-w. Blackbird		3	2	
Rusty Blackbird		10	6	
Common Grackle	9		14	
Brown-h. Cowbird	100	61	28	4
Cardinal	77	161	335	37
Evening Grosbeak	236	685	745	134
Purple Finch	7		6	3
Common F. dpoll		65	46	
Pine Siskin		3	9	
Am. Goldfinch	28	141	285	22
Red Crossbill	14		8	
Dark-eyed Junco	284	133	488	74
Tree Sparrow	309	286	439	215
Chipping Sparrow			1	

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1975 Christmas Bird Counts in the B.O.S. Study Area, cont.

<u>Date</u>	<u>St. Bonaventure</u> 12-27-75	<u>Scio</u> 01-03-76	<u>Jamestown</u> 12-21-75	<u>Beaver Meadow</u> 01-03-76
Field Sparrow	1		2	
White-cr. Sparrow			4	
White-thr. Sparrow	14	28	48	12
Swamp Sparrow		2	9	
Song Sparrow	10	13	62	2
Snow Bunting		630	127	1070
Total Species	50	54	68	36
Total Individuals	3,057	5,813	8,044	3,329

Table #2

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grand Island</u> 12-21-75	<u>Hamburg-E. Aurora</u> 12-28-75	<u>Oak Orchard</u> 12-23-75
Common Loon	2		
Horned Grebe	14		
Gr. Blue Heron	2	1	6
Canada Goose			237
Snow Goose		1	
Mallard	1162	109	161
Black Duck	181	5	27
Gadwall	105		
Pintail	4		
Green-w. Teal	8		
Am. Wigeon	216		
Redhead	59		
Canvasback	3492		
Gr. Scaup	2384	5	
L. Scaup	19		
C. Goldeneye	2474	11	
Bufflehead	1146		
Oldsquaw	730		
White-w. Scoter	23		
Surf coter	4		
Black Scoter	13		
Ruddy Duck	4		
Hooded Merganser	2		
Common Merganser	3421	3	
Red.-br. Merganser	461		
Goshawk		1	
Sharp-sh. Hawk	1	2	
Red-tail. Hawk	50	36	55

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Table #2 1975 Christmas Bird Counts in the B.O.S. study area, cont.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grand Island</u> 12-21-75	<u>Hamburg-E. Aurora</u> 12-28-75	<u>Oak Orchard</u> 12-23-75
Red-sh. Hawk			1
Rough-leg. Hawk			2
Marsh Hawk		1	
Kestrel	32	26	28
Ruffed Grouse		2	3
Ring-n. Pheasant	28	75	44
Virginia Rail			1
Am. Coot	9		
Killdeer	1	1	
Dunlin	3		
Glaucous Gull	6		
Iceland Gull	1		
Gr. Black-b. Gull	77	2	
Herring Gull	4578	6	10
Ring-b. Gull	1460	44	45
Bonaparte's Gull	1680	36	
B.-leg. Kittiwake	1		
Rock Dove	227	415	135
Mourning Dove	358	539	166
Screech Owl	6	6	1
Gr. Horned Owl	3	3	2
Snowy Owl	1		
Barred Owl		2	1
Short-e. Owl	1		
Belt. Kingfisher	3	8	1
Common Flicker	7	9	22
Pileated Wdpkr.			1
R.-bell. Wdpkr.		1	16
Y.-bell. Sapsucker		2	
Hairy Wdpkr.	16	65	10
Downy Wdpkr.	88	162	91
Black-b. 3-toed Wdpkr.	1		
Northern Horned Lark		10	
Horned Lark	24	8	32
Blue Jay	184	546	72
Common Crow	62	616	50
Bl.-c. Chickadee	304	793	380
Tufted Titmouse	5	36	1
W.-br. Nuthatch	32	159	35
Red-br. Nuthatch	6	36	
Brown Creeper	9	14	9
Winter Wren	1		



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Table #2 1975 Christmas Bird Counts in the B.O.S. Study Area, cont.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grand Island</u> 12-21-75	<u>Hamburg - E. Aurora</u> 12-28-75	<u>Oak Orchard</u> 12-23-75
Carolina Wren	1	12	
Mockingbird	3	2	
Grey Catbird			1
Brown Thrasher		1	
American Robin	5	34	1
Hermit Thrush	1	1	
Golden-cr. Kinglet	8	19	5
Cedar Waxwing		4	
Northern Shrike	1	1	12
Starling	68,200	2,834	946
Yellow-r. Warbler	2		
House Sparrow	2,300	2,431	1,465
E. Meadowlark		18	61
Red-w. Blackbird	5	4	4
Rusty Blackbird		1	
Common Grackle	1	18	2
Brown-h. Cowbird	70	73	2
Cardinal	256	331	73
Evening Grosbeak	2	326	30
Purple Finch	6	1	
Pine Grosbeak			13
Common Redpoll	29	8	2
Pine Siskin		7	
Am. Goldfinch	105	385	11
Red Crossbill		1	
Dark-eyed Junco	106	499	86
Tree Sparrow	860	555	1,300
Field Sparrow		4	
White-cr. Sparrow	1	6	
White-thr. Sparrow	16	117	10
Swamp Sparrow			15
Song Sparrow	27	36	33
Snow Bunting	1	12	68
Total Species	80	69	52
Total Individuals	97,197	11,598	5,785

NOTES

MORE REPORTS, MORE DETAILS ASKED BY B.O.S. COMPILER

Observers of birds in the B.O.S. study area are encouraged to be more expansive in their monthly reports to the Compiler. In preparation of data for the "Noteworthy Records" section of each month's Prothonotary, the following information is sought from all participating observers"

1. Records of unusual observations...rarities and out-of-season birds, as outlined in the B.O.S. Date Guide
2. For migrant species, reports of first arrivals and last departures, so far as your personal observations are able to determine for that migration period; this includes first and last dates for spring migrants and first and last dates for fall migrants, where species pass through the area in transit between breeding and wintering ranges; arrival and departure dates of breeding and wintering species are also sought.
3. Population peaks for migrant species within the migration period, so far as your personal observations are able to determine
4. Population peaks month by month for breeding species and for wintering species; this will help confirm total populations and population trends of species within those periods
5. Unusually high or unusually low numbers of permanent resident birds; for this type of report, it would be helpful if comparative information can be provided
6. Reports of unusual occurrences...albinos, deformed birds, late and early nestings, etc.

The important thing to remember is that your reports of observations are useful and appreciated, as they form the base for understanding bird life in the B.O.S. study area. Even though all records will not be published in The Prothonotary, your reports are nonetheless important as they are kept on file for future use by researchers and others. If in doubt, report it; we can never guess about what any observer may be seeing.

As always, each month's reports should be forwarded no later than the 5th of the following month to the Compiler, David B. Freeland, 60 Haymarket Square, East Amherst, N.Y. 14051. Please use full 8½-by-11 sheets, regardless of the number of observations being reported. B.O.S. verification forms should also be sent to the Compiler at that time, for those reports requiring write-ups.

PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's club room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

- March 10th: 'Bluebird Behavior'- Mark Woruch. A candidate for a Ph.D. at St. Bonaventure University will tell us of his field studies with Mountain Bluebirds and Western Bluebirds in Brandon, Manitoba where they are sympatric species.
- March 24th: (1) Symposium on Hawk Identification: a panel moderated by John Forness will cover recognition and geographical factors on hawk migration.  
(2) Planning of hawk watches to cover selected week-ends in April.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- March 28th: Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and sinks enroute. The meeting time will be 8:00 a.m. in front of the Hens & Kelly Department Store in Transit Town Plaza at Transit Road (N.Y. #78) and Main St. in Clarence, N.Y. Leader: Harold Mitchell (Tel. 633-8612).

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler, Mr. David B. Freeland, 60 Haymarket Square, East Amherst, New York 14051.

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## THE MONTH

January was cold and wintry with periodic flows of cold continental air from the northwest dominating the weather pattern. Temperatures for eighteen days during the period were below average. The average temperature for the month was  $19.7^{\circ}\text{F}$ , a departure of  $-4^{\circ}$  from the norm. A record low for the date of  $-13^{\circ}\text{F}$  was recorded at Buffalo on the 23rd. Precipitation measured 3.19 inches, 0.29 inches above average. Snowfall for the month at Buffalo was 21.6 inches but no appreciably heavy fall occurred on any one day. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

In spite of the generally inhospitable weather, birding was very good in the Niagara River between Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake as this body of water was largely ice free due to the presence of a baffle at the mouth of the river at Buffalo causing the ice in Lake Erie to back up into a large ice field there. The warm outflow of water from the power plant at Dunkirk Harbor created an ice free area with numerous ducks, gulls and other waterfowl being reported throughout the period, including up to six Pied-billed Grebe; 30 American Coot were seen there on January 1st.

The winter bird census at the Tifft Farm Nature Preserve in Buffalo proved most interesting with such uncommon wintering birds as Sharp-shinned Hawk, Killdeer and Hermit Thrush reported.

Other interesting records for the month include a report of 3 Whistling Swan at Erie Beach, Ontario on the 25th; the female Harlequin Duck seen throughout December at Fort Erie was recorded again on January 1st by many birders starting their yearly list; a Peregrine Falcon, a very unusual bird in these climes at this season, was seen on Walmore Road in the Town of Wheatfield on the 11th; a Pine Warbler was reported from Batavia on the 10th. Finally, numerous reports of flocks



of Common Redpoll throughout the study area during the month were received and an extremely large flock of 2000 Snow Buntings was seen by the Klabundes in the Town of Porter on the 12th.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	January	2	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew
Red-necked Grebe	"	13	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, Byron, Gregory
Horned Grebe	"	1	6 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
	"	1;13	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, et al, Rew; Andrle, et al.
	"	13;31	1 Niagara River	Mitchell, et al; Lloyd, et al.
	"	6;30	1;1 Jamestown; Celoron	Sundell, et al; Beal
Pied-billed Grebe	"	1-17	4-6 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell et al; Rew
	"	1,6,11	1,1,2 Jamestown	Sundell, et al.
	"	1	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Rew
	"	14	1 Buffalo (Forest Lawn)	Freeland
	"	24	1 Belmont	Burtens
Great Blue Heron	"	1,24	1,1 Belmont	Burtens
	"	2;12	3;1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen; Olsen
	"	3	1 Tiffit Farm	Rew, et al.
	"	10-24	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	11	1 Niagara-on-the-L., Ont.	Thill, et al.
	"	25	1 Wheatfield	McKales, Reeves
Whistling Swan	"	25	3 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Freeland, et al.
Canada Goose	"	2,7	60,60 Iroquois NWR	Heck, et al.
Gadwall	"	25	30 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, Freeland, et al.

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Pintail	January	11	6 Goat Is.	Wagner
	"	19	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Green-winged Teal	"	1-31	1 Buffalo(ForestLawn)	Freeland,m.ob.
	"	<u>30</u>	2 Buffalo(ForestLawn)	Rew
American Wigeon	:	17	2 Grand Island	Freeland
	"	25	6 Niagara Falls,Ont.	Andrle,Freeland, et al.
	"	31	12 Niagara River	Lloyd,Sunderlin, et al.
Wood Duck	"	30	1 Jamestown	Beal
Redhead	"	17	44 Grand Island	Freeland
	"	30	14 Celoron	Beal
Ring-necked Duck	"	18	3 Grand Island	Frank
Lesser Scaup	"	17	25 Grand Island	Freeland
Common Goldeneye	"	13	2600 Niagara River	Mitchell,et al.
	"	24	2 Scio	V. Pitzrick
Harlequin Duck	"	1	1 Ft. Erie,Ont.	Andrle, et al.
White-winged Scoter	"	1	4 Ft. Erie,Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	23-25,31	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew
	"	31	21 Niagara River	Lloyd,Sunderlin, et al.
Surf Scoter	"	1	1 Ft. Erie,Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Black Scoter	"	1	2 Niagara Falls,Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>25</u>	1 Ft. Erie,Ont.	Andrle,Freeland, et al.
Ruddy Duck	"	1	1 Niagara-on-the-L., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Hooded Merganser	"	11-31	5 (max.)Niagara River	Andrle, Freeland,et al; m.o.b.
	"	4	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
Red-breasted Merganser	"	30	10 Scio	V.Pitzrick
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	1-31	1 Belmont	Burtons
	"	2,17	1,1 Canadaway Creek N. Sanct.	Rew
	"	8,15,16:28	1,1,1;1 Amity	V.Pitzrick; Burtons
	"	6	1 Fluvanna	Sundell
	"	10	1 Alfred	Brooks
	"	22	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck ,Thompson
	"	31	2 Tifft Farm Nat. Preserve	Frank, et al.
Cooper's Hawk	"	1-31;15	1;1 Belmont	Burtons; V. Pitzrick
	"	,1	1,1 Celoron,Dunkirk	Sundell
	"	2-30	1 Spring Brook	Danner

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Cooper's Hawk	January 6,11;25	kmk;1 Jamestown,Bemus Pt.,Jamestown	Sundell, et al; Beal
"	7	1 Alfred	Brooks
"	12	1 Somerset	Klabundes
"	27	1 Clarence	Balmas
"	27	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Rough-legged Hawk	" 12	4 Yates-Somerset	Klabundes
"	17	1 Evangola S.Park	Schaffner
Marsh Hawk	" 1	1 Clarence	Happ,Gibson
"	4	1 Amity	Pitzricks
"	15-22	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck,Morse;m.ob.
<u>Peregrine Falcon</u>	" 11	1 Wheatfield	Stein,Mitchell, Off,Lewandowski
Ring-necked Pheasant	" 31	139 Tifft Farm Nat. Preserve	Foster, m.ob.
American Coot	" 1	1;3 Ft.Erie,Ont. Niagara R.	Happ,Gibson
"	1	30 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell
"	6,11	1 Celoron	Sundell,et al.
"	11;29	1,1;1 Jamestown;Fluvanna; Fluvanna	Sundell,Campbell. Beal
"	17	7 Grand Island	Freeland
Killdeer	" 2	1 Tifft Farm	Foster
"	18	1 Kiantone Township	Sundell
"	18-27	1-2 Crescent Beach,Ont.	Sommerville
Dunlin	" 1	3 Niagara Falls	Andrle, et al.
Glaucous Gull	" 1-31	5 (max.)Niagara River	Lloyd,Sunderlin, et al;m.ob.
Iceland Gull	" 1-31	1-2 Niagara River	Andrle,etal;m.ob.
"	1,4	1,2 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell,et al.
<u>Iceland Gull(kumlieni)</u>	" 25	1 Sir Adam Beck,Ont.	Freeland,et al.
Bonaparte's Gull	" 4;17	350;30 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundell,et al; Schaffner
"	31	6 Niagara River-Pt. Breeze	Lloyd,Sunderlin, et al.
Little Gull	" 1	1 Queenston,Ont.	Rew
Mourning Dove	" 1-31	110 (max.)Eggertsville	McKales
"	5	52 Clarence	Balmas
Great Horned Owl	" 3,14	2 Buffalo(Forest Lawn)	Freeland
Snowy Owl	" 1-31	1 Buffalo	Andrle,et al;Happ, Gibson,Foster
"	4	1 Amherst	McKales
"	4,17	1,1 Wheatfield	McKales
"	9	1 Cheektowaga	Freeland
"	27	1 Iroquois NWR	Riley
Barred Owl	" 31	1 Water Valley	Bourne

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Short-eared Owl	January	12	1 Yates	Klabundes
	"	24	1 Lake View	Freeland
	"	25	2 Clarence	McKales
	"	31	2 Fort Niagara	Lloyd, Sunderlin, et al.
Belted Kingfisher	"	1-31	1-3 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	26	3 Niagara River	Bartolo
Common Flicker	"	11	3 Amherst	McKales
	"	25	4 Tifft Farm Nat. Pres.	Foster
Pileated Woodpecker	"	25	1 Elma	Danner
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	1-31	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Bl.-backed Three-toed Wdpkr.		15-18	1 Buffalo	Mc Michael; Wilcove
Horned Lark	"	12;31	75;80 Yates; Niagara R.- Pt. Breeze	Klabundes; Lloyd, et al.
	"	17	11 Perrysburg	Schaffner
Common Crow	"	1-31	300 (max.) Spring Brook	Danner
	"	10	383 Scio	V. Pitzrick
<u>Boreal Chickadee</u>	"	16	1 Bemus Point	Beal, et al.
	"	30	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	1-30	6(max.) Alfred	Brooks
	"	2	5 Dunkirk	Rew
Winter Wren	"	1	1 Queenston, Ont.	Rew
	"	20	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Carolina Wren	"	1-31	3-4 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1;20	1;1 Jamestown	Sundell ; Beal
	"	6	1 Bemus Point	Sundell, et al.
	"	18,25,31	1,2,2 Canadaway Creek, N. Sanct.	Rew
Mockingbird	"	11	2 4 mi. Creek State Park	Thill, Tschirhart
	"	31	4 Niagara R.- Pt. Breeze	Lloyd, Sunderlin, et al.
Gray Catbird	"	5	1 Elma	Danner
Brown Thrasher	"	10-26	1 Clarence	Balmas
	"	10-31	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
American Robin	"	1	2 Belmont	Burtens
	"	11,25,31	1,1,1 Niagara River area	Wagner; Andrie, et al; Lloyd et al.
	"	16	30 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
Hermit Thrush	"	2-31	3 (max.) Canadaway Creek N. Sanct.	Rew
	"	2	1 Tifft Farm Nat. Preserve	Foster
	"	18	1 West Falls	Matlocks
Cedar Waxwing	"	6-7	1 Crescent Beach, Ont.	Sommerville
	"	12	29 Somerset	Klabundes
	"	31	20 Clarence	Wagner

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Northern Shrike	January	1,6,11	1,1,1	Laona, Bear L. Ellery Ctr.	Sundell, et al.
"	"	1	1	Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
"	"	4,11,13	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	"	6	1	Lockport	Thill
"	"	12	1,1	Kuckville, Yates	Klabundes
"	"	17	1	Amity	R. Pitzrick
"	"	25	1	Town/Tonawanda	Freeland, et al.
"	"	31	1	Niagara R.-Pt. Breeze	Lloyd, Sunderlin, et al.
Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	1	12	Lake Erie S. Park	Sundell
Pine Warbler	"	10	1	Batavia	Masons, Seaman
Eastern Meadowlark	"	1	1	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	1	1	Laona	Sundell
"	"	7-8	1	Crescent Beach, Ont.	Sommerville
Red-winged Blackbird	"	1-8	1	Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	"	1	5	Iroquois NWR	Heck
"	"	1	2	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	11	1	Jamestown	Sundell, Campbell
Common Grackle	"	1-3,8	1,1	Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	"	27	15	Hamburg	Bourne
Brown-headed Cowbird	"	1-31	8 (max.)	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	1-10	6 (max.)	Eggertsville	McKales
"	"	2-31	1	Williamsville	DeKleine
"	"	6;13	1;1	Fluvanna; Jamestown	Sundell, et al; Sundell
"	"	21,22	1,1	Clarence	Wagner
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-31	202 (banded)	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	1-30	60 (max.)	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	1-31	36 (max.)	Jamestown	Beal
"	"	1-31	30 (max.)	Hamburg	Foster, Skrzypek
"	"	14	28 (max.)	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Purple Finch	"	1,23,27,28	3,1,1,1	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	1,30	1,5	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	17	2	Gerry	Sundell
House Finch	"	1-31	30 (max.)	Eggertsville	Krists
Pine Grosbeak	"	11	1	East Amherst	Freeland
"	"	17	1	Tifft Farm Nat. Preserve	Freeland
"	"	17;18	4;2	Gerry Township	Sundell; Sundell, Campbell
Common Redpoll	"	1	45	Lake Erie S. Park	Sundell
"	"	1	1	Tifft Farm Nat. Preserve	Foster
"	"	1,4	6,2	Eggertsville	McKales
"	"	11	5	No. Tonawanda	McKales
"	"	17	1	Williamsville	DeKleine

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Common Redpoll	January	20	2 Jamestown	Beal
	"	20	2 Clarence	Wagner
	"	23	5 Canadaway Creek	
			N. Sanct.	Rew
	"	26,28	1,8 Alfred	Brooks
	"	28	7 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	30-31	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
	"	31	15 Cheektowaga	Horbett
Pine Siskin	"	1-31	1-3 Hamburg	Skrzypek, Foster
	"	11	4 Bemus Point	Sundell
	"	17	5 Lake Erie S. Park	Schaffner
	"	25	14 Beaver Island	
			S. Park	McKales, Reeves
	"	26	6 Alfred	Brooks
American Goldfinch	"	1-31	50 (max.) Hamburg	Foster, Skrzypek
Red Crossbill	"	17	4 Tifft Farm Nat.	
			Preserve	Freeland
White-winged Crossbill	"	6,13	4,2 Alfred	Brooks
Rufous-sided Towhee	"	24	1 Alfred	Cushing
Savannah Sparrow	"	5-6	1 Batavia	Salways, Mason
Field Sparrow	"	1	3 Belmont	Burtens
	"	26;29	1;1 Hamburg	Bourne ; Skrzypek
White-crowned Sparrow	"	4,11	1,1 Hamburg	Bourne
White-throated Sparrow	"	1-31	10 (max.) Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1-31	8 West Falls	Matlocks
	"	18	5 Queenston, Ont.	Wagner
Fox Sparrow	"	30	1 Lake View	Bourne
Lapland Longspur	"	12	100,50 Yates, Somerset	Klabundes
Snow Bunting	"	11	350 Amity	Pitzricks
	"	12	2000 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	12	750,400 Olcott, Appleton	Klabundes

Species, subspecies, & hybrids recorded in January, 1976 . . . . . 112

(Other species reported: Mallard, Black Duck, Canvasback, Gtr. Scaup, Bufflehead, Oldsquaw, Com. Merganser, Red-t. Hawk, Amer. Kestrel, Ruffed Grouse, Gr. Bl.-b. Gull, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Dove, Screech Owl, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-br. Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Golden-cr. Kinglet, Starling, House Sparrow, Cardinal, Dark-eyed Junco, Tree Sparrow, Song Sparrow.)

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

January Waterfowl Count

compiled by Alan Reckhow

Following is the result of the Twenty Second Annual Waterfowl Count for Region #1 of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs. The Kingbird will publish the statewide count at a later date.

Dates included January 10 - January 18, with January 11 the target date.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Common Loon	- 1 (C)	average
Horned Grebe	- 6	low average
Pied-Billed Grebe	- 4 (I)	average
Canada Goose	- 17	low
Mallard	- 1623	high average
Black Duck	- 444	2nd lowest
Gadwall	- 97 (D,F)	highest(almost double previous high
Pintail	- 6 (E,F)	low
American Wigeon	- 81 (F,G)	average
Wood Duck	- 2 (K)	average
Red Head	- 236	average
Ring-necked Duck	- 2 (C)	average
Canvasback	- 3822	average
Greater Scaup	- 1865	2nd lowest
Lesser Scaup	- 49	highest
Goldeneye	- 5532	average
Bufflehead	- 325	low average
Oldsquaw	- 1354	average
White-winged Scoter	- 26	highest - by far
Black Scoter	- 2	average
Hooded Merganser	- 6	average
Common Merganser	- 6549	low
Red-br. Merganser	- 45	low
Coot	- 27	average
unidentified	- 4	lowest
Total	- 16111	
Maximum Total	- 46200 in 1960	
Maximum Species	- 29 in 1960	

Most of the inland swamps, lakes, ponds and streams were frozen over;

January Waterfowl Count, cont.

also part of Lake Erie. There were snow squalls in much of the area, so visibility was often poor. It is interesting that the Canvasback and Oldsquaw have been decreasing in numbers over the past 10 years. There is a slight rise this year, however, for both. This is the lowest count we have had in the twenty-two years that the Waterfowl Count has been conducted.

The following observers took part in the count:

A - Lake Ontario - Olcott to Pt. Breeze	- Harriett and Walter Klabunde
B - Lake Ontario - Olcott to Ft. Niagara	- A.Reckhow, J. Thill, J. Tschirhart
C - Ft. Niagara to Gorge at the Falls	- Wm. Vaughan
D - Niagara-on-the-Lake to Gorge at Falls	- A.Ulrich, P.Schwartz, A. Horbett
E - Buffalo N. Harbor to Goat Island	- H.Mitchell, B.Lewandowski, J. Stein
F - Ft. Erie to Canadian Falls	- Harold Axtell & R.Off
G - Grand Island	- David Freeland
H - Buffalo S. Harbor to Silver Creek	- Robert and Patricia Andrie
I - Silver Creek to Pennsylvania Line	- Frances Rew and Louis Buck
J - Jamestown Area	- Robert Sundell
K - Olean - Salamanca Area	- Steven Eaton
L - Allegany County Area	- Lou Burton
N - Oak Orchard & Tonawanda GMA	- John Morse
O - Iroquois Nat. Wildlife Refuge	- John Morse
P - Williamsville Area	- Marie and Margaret Wendling
Q - Delaware Park, Forest Lawn, Zoo	- Cynthia Millard

I would like to thank all who took part in this twenty-second annual waterfowl census.

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BOOK REVIEW

Where To Find Birds In Western Pennsylvania, edited by David B. Freeland, 1975. Published by The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 62 pp., 24 maps, \$2.75.

by Joseph F. Thill

To most birders in this region, Western Pennsylvania is known as that four county area immediately south of the western boundary of New York State, stretching from the Lake Erie Plain across the western slope of the Allegheny Plateau to the high elevations of McKean County. It is vaguely familiar as the location from which, in the last quarter century, the Common or Wild Turkey wandered and repopulated the forested uplands of the Southern Tier Counties in New York State.



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To the geographer, however, it is a vast area of considerable physiographic diversity comprising some thirty four counties in the western half of the state of Pennsylvania, ranging in latitude from 39° at the Maryland - West Virginia line to about 42° at the New York line with an extension reaching the fifty miles of Lake Erie Shoreline in Erie County (Pa.). While the area immediately south of us is dominated by the Allegheny Plateau, downstate the elevated areas of this plateau contract and much of the region to the southwest of it lies in the Ohio River Valley with a representative Carolinian avifauna much different in character than our breeding bird populations in Western New York.

A relatively few miles south of the B.O.S. study area boundary lies the 740,000 acre Allegheny National Forest, a wilderness area occupying parts of Warren, McKean, Forest and Elk Counties in Pennsylvania where the Northern Parula Warbler nests and Common Raven can be found. Also in this vicinity in the Cook Forest State Park, 8000 acres of virgin pine, hemlock and hardwood, the last such stands in the northeastern United States which, in the breeding season, "ring with the bubbling songs of Hermit Thrush and Winter Wren." Further south, in the lower elevations of Westmoreland, Allegany and Greene Counties, characteristic breeding birds include the Carolina Chickadee, White-eyed Vireo, Kentucky and Worm-eating Warblers. Except for the fifty odd miles along the south shore of Lake Erie in Erie County, Western Pennsylvania is a vast, verdant area, heavily wooded and of great interest to the student of breeding bird distribution and faunal life zones in the northeastern United States. Because of its easy accessibility by automobile from Western New York, the area offers an interesting change of scene at comparatively small cost in time and money.

In 1940, W.E. Clyde Todd's monumental classic, Birds of Western Pennsylvania was published. This volume deserves the attention of every serious student of bird distribution in our own study area in addition to its excellent accounts of the ecology of the bird species found in Western Pennsylvania. Now, Where To Find Birds in Western Pennsylvania makes its appearance. This valuable booklet is edited by David Freeland of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania who has since moved to Western New York and, happily, is a member of the B.O.S., serving as the Society's compiler of records. The booklet was inspired by a series of twenty articles originally published in the Bulletin of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, describing the region's best bird finding spots. Improving on the original theme, the booklet contains updated information and a series of excellent maps with four additional birding locales having been written up for this edition. The articles, each describing a separate locale, are authorized by birders most familiar with the area they write about. The reviewer found map detail and the instructions on reaching the area described in the article most explicit. The accounts of the bird species one might expect to encounter in these areas were generally good but, in a few cases, rather perfunctory. However, this is but small criticism of a most worthwhile publication, certainly one which should be in the library of every birder, who plans to travel to Western Pennsylvania with a pair of binoculars, for many years to come.

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NOTES

HERONRY STUDY - 1975

During the late spring and early summer of 1975 an attempt was made to gather information on active heronries in the B.O.S. study area in cooperation with the Colonial Nesting Bird Project of the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University. Admittedly, we started too late on the project and did not do the prodding and follow-up necessary to gain maximum results. However, we do have reports from four Great Blue Heron colonies in our area, one from the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge in Orleans County, two from Chautauqua County and one from Erie County.

Orleans County: The heronry located at the Seneca Pool at the Iroquois Refuge was surveyed by Mr. John S. Morse, Wildlife Biologist, who not only sent a report for 1975 but also reports for the three previous years. These showed an increase in nests from 62 in 1972 to 140 in 1975 and an increase in the estimated number of fledged young from 120 in 1972 to 280 in 1975. In an accompanying letter, Mr. Morse stated, in part:

"I believe that the colony started in 1971. That was the first year that we noticed herons flying into the area with food and nesting material. The big increase noticed this year may have been partially due to birds moving into the colony from the colony located for years in the Oak Orchard Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Oliver Meddaugh told me that the colony was located in dead elms and that many of the nesting trees blew down prior to the nesting season. He estimated that only 20 nests were occupied this nesting season. We also had better coverage of the Seneca Pool colony this year. I was alone in 1974 and this year had the help of Mr. William Beebe."

Chautauqua County: (1) In 1974, a heronry was discovered near Clymer, New York in southern Chautauqua County by Charles P. Mowatt, Senior Forester of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and a friend of our member, Don Clark. On our behalf, Don asked Mr. Mowatt to send us a report if he should return to the heronry in 1975. We later received a data form from Mr. Mowatt which indicated that he, along with Bruce Robinson and Terry Daily, visited the colony on May 7, 1975 and found 42 apparently occupied nests. He stated that more than 40 nests had been counted in 1974 also. Of particular interest is Mr. Mowatt's statement that the area in which the heronry is located is being considered for acquisition by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

(2) The heronry on Farrington Hollow Road in the Town of Arkwright has been known to birders of our area for many years. My first visit to this heronry was in the late '50s but at the moment I can locate records only for 1962 when there were 44 active nests and 1964 when there were 43 nests. A report of 52 nests at this location in 1963 was published in the July, 1965 issue of The Kingbird.

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This heronry is located in a mature hardwood forest near the top of a high ridge and there is no vantage point from which an accurate count of nests can be made, so that it is necessary to climb the ridge. On June 14, 1975, accompanied by Lois Buck, I visited this colony and found 69 occupied nests. The trees average about 75' in height and from the ground it is impossible to count the young although movement could be seen in the nests and parents were greeted with raucous calls. It appeared that there was at least one young in each of the nests we called active. Fifty-nine of the nests were in Beech, six in Sugar Maple, two in Basswood and two in White Ash. With the exception of one maple which contained three nests, all the trees were living. There were also five unoccupied nests in this colony.

Erie County: The only heronry report for Erie County was submitted by Marcya Foster for a three nest colony (2 nests occupied) in the Town of Hamburg. Marcya states that the heronry is located in a mixed deciduous woodlot and that nests were in a Sugar Maple and a White Oak. On June 22, 1975 when she visited the heronry accompanied by Dr. Robert F. Andrle and Josef Hauser, each of the nests held one fledged young.

All reports were forwarded to the Laboratory of Ornithology for inclusion in its Colonial Nesting Bird Project for 1975. Frances M. Rew, 129 Arbour Lane, Buffalo, New York.

#### HERONRY PROJECT - 1976

Our Society has been asked to cooperate with The Colonial Bird Register project which is a joint venture of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and The National Audubon Society and hopefully we can start early enough this year to obtain coverage of most of the known heronries in our study area. Dr. Donald A. McCrimmon, Director of the project, has sent me copies of the new field survey form, instructions for its use and copies of a brochure describing the Register and I will have these available at future meetings. If you know of a heronry and would like to help with this project, please call me and I will see that you receive the necessary information and forms. I ask that the forms be returned to me when they are completed so that copies can be made for our own records and the originals sent to Cornell. If you prefer, the forms may be sent directly to Cornell but please be sure the B.O.S. receives a copy.

I would also appreciate hearing of any heronries you know of but cannot visit as perhaps some other member or members would be willing to do the field work.

The Colonial Bird Register is not limited to the various species of herons and egrets but includes some 68 colonially nesting species, some of which nest in our area. These would include Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull and Common Tern. Frances M. Rew, 129 Arbour Lane, Buffalo, New York. Telephone 822-0342.

PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's club-room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

April 14th: Program to be announced.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

April 4th: Visit to Beamer Conservation Area at Grimsby, Ontario. We will assemble at the Lewiston, N.Y. end of the Queens-ton Bridge (north terminal of U.S. 1-190) at 8:30 a.m. to consolidate vehicles. This area is well known to Canadian birders as one of the best places to watch hawks migrating west around Lake Ontario. Call leader, Walter Klabunde, for further details at 754-4424.

April 11th: April Bird Count: Ed Fessler, leader. In the absence of Mr. Fessler during the month of March, please contact Pauline Schwartz at 832-5369 for assignment of territory.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler, Mr. David B. Freeland, 60 Haymarket Square, East Amherst, New York 14051.

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## THE MONTH

The weather in February was as mild as that in January had been severe with a southerly flow of warm Gulf air continuing, almost without interruption, from the 10th through the end of the period. The average temperature for the month was 31.8°F, 7° above normal for the period. Precipitation measured 3.43 inches with only 8.3 inches of snow for the month recorded at Buffalo. The period began with the single most severe day of winter weather for the season on February 2nd with a low of -6°F recorded at Buffalo and high wind gusts causing a wind chill factor of considerably lower temperatures. In contrast, the high temperature for the period was a balmy 59°F on the 25th. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The deep cold of the first few days of the month had its effect on the half hardy species which stayed with us through the snows of January. Following the gale and bitter cold on the 2nd, Frances Rew, who is conducting a winter bird population survey at Canadaway Creek Nature Sanctuary west of Dunkirk, reports that two Hermit Thrushes and a number of Tufted Titmice, attempting to winter in the thickets there, disappeared. While the titmice returned with the warmer weather later in the month, the fate of the thrushes is uncertain. With the rising temperatures, however, numerous early reports of Canada Geese and Whistling Swans on the Niagara River and the wetlands north and east of Buffalo, were received. By the 27th, over 12,000 Canada Geese were at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge in Orleans and Genesee Counties and large flocks of robins, grackles and Red-winged Blackbirds were seen along the south shore of Lake Erie by the 26th. In spite of the stirring of migratory activity, no spectacular records of gull movement on the Niagara River in the vicinity of the Falls or elsewhere, were recorded. Harold Axtell, who carefully scrutinized the wintering larids in the vicinity, remarked that in contrast to last season, not one Bonaparte's Gull was seen by him during the entire month. White-winged gull numbers were also considerably reduced. Birders in the inland areas found winter finches very abundant, especially Common

poll reported from Alfred on the 26th by Elizabeth Brooks.

The reader will no doubt note the relatively few pages comprising this issue of The Prothonotary and while the quality of the material submitted for publication by this month's contributors is excellent, the editor cannot help feeling dismayed by the poor measure of support. Ideally, this newsletter should be filled with contributions from members in the form of notes describing their observations afield which they would like to share with others and the paucity of such material is discouraging. The Prothonotary, as a printed communication among area birders, is no better than what members of our society choose to make of it.

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### NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate than an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	February	7	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew
	"	22	1 Silver Creek	Andrle, et al.
Horned Grebe	"	15	5 Dunkirk Harbor	Andrle, et al.
	"	26	2 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
	"	28	1 Delaware Park Lake	McMichael
Pied-billed Grebe	:	22	7 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew
	"	26	5 Dunkirk Harbor	Andrle, et al.
	"	27	3 Frewsburg	Elderkin
	"	27	1 Iroquois NWR(Mallard Pd.)	Danner
Great Blue Heron	"	1	1 Forest Lawn	Freeland
	"	12	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	17-29	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Whistling Swan	"	21F	7 Rushford	Mitchell, et al.
	"	21F	50 Rushford	Burtens, et al.
	"	21F	84 Kiantone Twp.	Suncell, Richardson, Coons
	"	21F	7 Belmont	V. Pitzrick
Canada Goose	"	1-10	5 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville; Axtell



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Canada Goose	February	10	6 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	27	12,000 Iroquois NWR area	Danner
* Snow Goose (blue morph)	"	27F	1 Shelby Sinks	Rew, Ulrich, et al.
"	"	29	5 Yates (L. Ontario)	Andrle, et al.
Gadwall	"	1	1 Forest Lawn	Freeland; Happ,
"	"	"	"	Gibson
Pintail	"	7	1 Forest Lawn	Happ, Gibson
"	"	14	42 N. Falls (3 Sisters Is.)	Axtell
"	"	23, 25	12, 25 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Green-winged Teal	"	1	1 Forest Lawn	Happ, Gibson
"	"	14	2 Scio	V. Pitzrick
American Wigeon	"	7	1 Forest Lawn	Happ, Gibson
"	"	25	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck
Redhead	"	5	20 Ceoron	Beal
"	"	9	165 Upper Niagara R.	Axtell
"	"	16	25 N. Falls, Ont.	Freeland
"	"	22	80 Silver Creek	Andrle, et al.
Ring-necked Duck	"	27F	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck
* Lesser Scaup	"	16	7 Niagara R.	Axtell
King Eider	"	9-16	1 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	16	1 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Freeland
"	"	16	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Happ, Gibson
White-winged Scoter	"	7	13 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew
"	"	9	375 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	14	85 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	16	170 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Freeland
Surf Scoter	"	16	2 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Freeland
Black Scoter	"	16	1 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Freeland
Hooded Merganser	"	1-29	2 Niagara R. (Upper Rapids)	Axtell
"	"	6F	3 Scio	V. Pitzrick
"	"	6F	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Thill
"	"	28	1 Dewittville	Sundell
* Goshawk	"	27	1 Lancaster	Freeland
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	6	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck
"	"	7	1 Belmont	Burtons
"	"	9	1 Amity	Pitzricks
"	"	10	1 Eden	Bourne
Cooper's Hawk	"	1	1 Jamestown	Sundell
"	"	1-15	1 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	4, 7, 11, 13	1 Belmont	Burtons



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Cooper's Hawk	February	6	1 Jamestown	Beal
	"	8-9	1 Clarence	Balmas
	"	12	1 Jamestown	Elderkin
	"	27	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Thompson
Rough-legged Hawk	"	21	3 Centerville (Allegany Co.)	Mitchell, et al.
Marsh Hawk	"	4-26	1-2 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
	"	10, 11	1, 1 Williamsville	Hulls
	"	26	1 Eden	Bourne
	"	27	1 Tonawanda GMA	Danner
* Turkey	"	14	4 Allegany State Park	Elderkin
	"	21	2 Olean	Mitchell, et al.
Killdeer	"	15F, 16, 14-29	1, 1, 1-2 Belmont	Burtens
	"	16	1 Iroquois NWR	Silvervail
	"	16-29	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
* American Woodcock	"	27F	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
Purple Sandpiper	"	16, 26, 28	1, 4, 2 Niagara R. (Upper Rapids)	Axtell
Dunlin	"	14, 25	2, 2 Niagara R. (Upper Rapids)	Axtell
Glaucous Gull	"	1-29	1-3 Niagara R.	Axtell
	"	14	1 N. Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Iceland Gull	"	7, 10	8, 7 Niagara R.	Axtell
	"	14	1 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	14	1 Queenston, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Snowy Owl	"	8	1 Cheektowaga	Freeland
	"	14	1 Buffalo Harbor	Andrle, et al.
* Long-eared Owl	"	4	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Short-eared Owl	"	8	1 Clarence	Happ
	"	10	1 East Amherst	Freeland
* Saw-whet Owl	"	25	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	1-29	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	5	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	11	2 Canadawa	Burtens
Bl.-backed 3-toed Wdpkr.	"	1	1 North Buffalo	Freeland
Horned Lark	"	14	2 near Frewsburg	Elderkin
	"	17	2 Alfred	Brooks
	"	18	2 Eden	Bourne
	"	19	2 Rushford	Burtens, Wilson
	"	19	2 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	21	10 Allegany Co.	Mitchell, et al.
<u>Boreal Chickadee</u>	"	21	1 Jamestown	Sundell, Tener, Cooney
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	9, 14	5, 6 Alfred	Brooks
Brown Creeper	"	1-29	3 Spring Brook	Danner
Winter Wren	"	6	1 Fluvanna	Beal
Carolina Wren	"	1-29	1-3 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1	1 Frewsburg	Sundells
	"	3-29	1 Belmont	Burtens, Jordan
	"	6	1 Jamestown	Beal

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Carolina Wren	February 11,12,13,22	1,1,1,1	Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	26	1 Alfred	Brooks
Mockingbird	"	25	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	"	29	1 Somerset	Andrle, et al.
Brown Thrasher	"	5-9	1 Clarence	Falmas
American Robin	"	12F	3 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	26	21 Pinehurst	Andrle, et al.
* Eastern Bluebird	"	26F	1 Alfred	V. Cushing
Northern Shrike	"	5	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	19	1 North Hudson	Burtens, Wilson
"	"	20	1 Almond	Burtens
"	"	21	1 Centerville	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	26	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	29	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
"	"	29	1 Yates	Andrle, et al.
Eastern Meadowlark	"	26F	16 Pinehurst	Andrle, et al.
"	"	27	1 Tonawanda GNA	Hulls
Red-winged Blackbird	"	5,7	1 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	7,9	1,2 Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	"	20F, 26	1,6 Hamburg area	Bourne
"	"	20F	5 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	21	1100 Hinsdale	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	21	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
* Rusty Blackbird	"	10,11-12	1,2 Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	"	26F	1 Varysburg	Freeland
"	"	27	1 Amherst	Happ
"	"	27	5 Clarence	Rew, Ulrich, et al.
"	"	29	25 Clarence	Happ, Gibson
"	"	29	4 Clarence	Andrle, et al.
Common Grackle	"	17F, 25-29	2,1-23 Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	"	20	4 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	21	2 Jamestown	Sundell, Tener, Cooney
"	"	21-29	8-14 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	21	1 Centerville	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	21	1 Hinsdale	Mitchell, et al.
"	"	21	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Brown-headed Cowbird	"	1	1 Jamestown	Beal
"	"	2	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Thompson
"	"	1-29	2-10 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	1-29	1-25 Cheektowaga	Schwartz
"	"	8,23,26	3 Snyder	DeKleine
"	"	15	5 East Amherst	Freeland
"	"	19	8 Clarence	Balmas
"	"	21	5 Hinsdale	Mitchell, et al.
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-29	73 (max.) Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	"	1-29	164 (banded) Alfred	Brooks
"	"	1-29	50 (max.) Belmont	Burtens
"	"	3	50 Jamestown	Sundells

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Purple Finch	February 5,7,8,12	1 Belmont	Burtens
	" 12,26	7,10 Alfred	Brooks
<u>House Finch</u>	" ;	15 Eggertsville	Freeland
	" 1-29	1-8 Cheektowaga	Schwartz
Pine Grosbeak	" 1	6 Alfred	Brooks
	" 8	3 East Amherst	Freeland
Common Redpoll	" 1-27	30 (max.) Alfred	Brooks
	" 5	1 East Amherst	Freeland
	" 7-26	1-2 Hamburg	Skrzypek
	" 7	2 North Buffalo	Wilcove
	" 11	1 near Frewsburg	Elderkin
	" 13	65 Hamburg	Bourne
	" 14-29	36 (max.) Cheektowaga	Schwartz
	" 14-29	80 (max.) Belmont	Burtens
* <u>Hoary Redpoll</u>	" 26	1 Alfred	Brooks
<u>Pine Siskin</u>	" 1-7	1-2 Hamburg	Skrzypek
	" 4	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	" 7	1 North Buffalo	Wilcove
	" 12,25,26	1,1,1 Alfred	Brooks
	" 14-27	1-2 Cheektowaga	Schwartz
American Goldfinch	" 1-29	40 (max.) Hamburg	Skrzypek
	" 1-29	35 (max.) Cheektowaga	Schwartz
	" 19	40 Clarence	Balmas
Red Crossbill	" 14,25-29	3,2018 Alfred	Brooks
White-throated Sparrow	" 1-29	1-2 Hamburg	Skrzypek
	" 1-29	9-14 Spring Brook	Danner
	" 1	2 Tifft Farm	Freeland
	" 2-3,6	2,1 Clarence	Balmas
	" 15	1 Alfred	Brooks
	" 21	1 Belmont	Mitchell, et al.
Snow Bunting	" 1	25 Scio	Burtens, Jordan
	" 13	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	" 19	1 Rushford	Burtens, Wilson
	" 21	200 near Centerville	Mitchell, et al.
	" 21	100 Hume	Burtens, et al.
	" 21	2 North Hudson	Burtens, et al.

Species, subspecies & hybrids recorded previously this year . . . . . 112

Species, subspecies & hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 11

Total for year . . . . . 123

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

B.O.S. Trip to Allegany County, February 21, 1976

About two dozen members enjoyed a field trip to Allegany County on February 21, 1976, and we were rewarded by sighting many birds which we hardly hoped for, at such an early date. After consolidating cars at the Grove Street parking area at East Aurora, we proceeded to the Centerville Road, east of Freedom, where we met several of our good friends from the Allegany County Bird Club, led by Lou Burton and Larry Wilson.

Driving east on Centerville Road we saw a number of Red-tailed Hawks, and a Rough-legged Hawk, a Northern Shrike, and a large flock of Snow Buntings, as well as some Horned Larks and meadowlarks.

Driving south to Rushford for a coffee break we saw many Evening Grosbeaks at a feeder, and a small flock of Whistling Swans flew over. During the day, three flocks of Canada Geese were seen, all flying in a northwesterly direction.

At the Burton's in Belmont we saw our first grackle, White-throated and Song Sparrows, more grosbeaks and robins. As an icing on the cake, John Forness led us over Rt. #17 to the Allegany exit in Cattaraugus County, where we drove north to Wing Hollow Road, where we stopped and soon spotted two Wild Turkeys walking slowly up a hillside; we could watch them through telescopes. We are very thankful to John for showing us the turkeys, and to all of the Allegany County Bird Club members for their assistance in leading us to such fine birding areas.

En route home we stopped to look over a flock of over 1100 Redwings along Rt. #16 a bit north of Hinsdale. With them were a few cowbirds and a grackle. A few killdeer were also spotted during the day.

The turkey location was at about 0-9 on our Section #25 map.

Harold D. Mitchell, 238 West Roay Parkway, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221

NOTES

Record Count of White-winged Scoter on the Niagara River.

On February 9th, 1976, the writer apparently had the highest count of White-winged Scoter in one day ever recorded in the present BOS study area. 375 birds were on the Niagara River between Navy Hall (beside the river by Fort George and Lake Ontario.

This number was arrived at by making a careful count, with no estimating, which came to 372, and inasmuch as a few individuals were observed to be diving so that it was reasonably certain that several would be missed because they were under water as the moving line at which the counting was occurring moved past those individuals, and that the number of underwater birds that were passed over by the

Record Count of White-winged Scoter on the Niagara River, cont.

counting of surface birds was most probably, in my judgment, somewhere between about three and eight, it is my belief that the total count is made as correct as possible by adding three, making a total of 375.

The area of Lake Ontario visible from the mouth of the Niagara River as far as the eye could see was entirely ice-covered on this date. It is likely that much - possibly most - of this ice had just formed following the excessively cold weather of the previous several days, and that scoters normally occurring on the lake in winter had been forced to the open water of the river. The previous day, February 8, I had counted 275 White-winged Scoters in the same area. At my next visit two days following the big count, several acres of open water existed off the mouth of the river, and at every subsequent visit more open water developed until a week following the big count no ice could be seen on Lake Ontario from the mouth of the river for as far as the eye could reach, and the number of Scoters had decreased to 183 on February 25, about 100 on February 26, and 72 on February 28, although a very few had meanwhile shown up farther up the river.

Between February 7 and 28 I made nine birding trips to Niagara-on-the-Lake. On each trip I carefully identified every bird on that part of the river (usually 2 or 3 or more times per visit) and there was never any other bird that might reasonably be considered mistakable for a White-winged Scoter except possibly the female King Eider. No other species of scoter was present, so that except for the very different-looking Mallards and an occasional merganser and once a male Gadwall, all the other ducks, consisting mostly of Oldsquaws, with an occasional Greater Scaup, Goldeneye, and Bufflehead, were noticeably smaller. I am entirely certain that while counting White-winged Scoters I did not call any other bird a scoter. My count was made from three vantage-points, and the Scoters were distributed in separate groups which were readily recognized from successive vantage-points, so overlapping in the counting was easily avoided.

Harold H. Axtell, R.R. #1, Fort Erie, Ontario

Three-toed Woodpeckers Once - Again

The 1970 supplement to The Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region included the following remark: "No incursions of Three-toed Woodpeckers occurred despite the abundance of elm bark beetles which are still numerous in the dying elms." However, the winter of 1974-75 certainly broke that pattern, giving the region both species of three-toed woodpeckers in a very short period of time.

On October 18, 1974, I observed a female Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker at Linden Avenue. On the 27th of that month, the McKales recorded the far rarer Northern Three-toed Woodpecker at Oakland Rural Cemetery in Niagara County. This bird was also a female. Neither one was refound until November 12, 1974, when I saw a female Black-backed on Tillinghast Place. Since Tillinghast is quite close to Linden, I believe this was the same bird as reported in October.

January, 1975 opened with the discovery of two Black-backed Three-toed Woodpeckers. The Tillinghastbird reappeared from the 24th to the 31st at that same location. On January 28th, Tom Bourne discovered a female in Hamburg. He observed this bird

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Three-toed Woodpeckers Once Again, cont.

again on February 14th. With the beginning of spring, one would expect the three-toed woodpeckers to have left. I was therefore amazed to see a female Black-backed on Linden Avenue on April 27, 1975, the latest date on record here! Once again, it was possibly the same bird as seen in this area in the winter.

On December 21, 1975, the day of the B.O.S. Christmas Bird Count, David Freeland discovered a male Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker at Meadow Drive. While this street is close to Tillinghast, this bird is unquestionably a different Three-toed. A few days later, I observed what I believed to be the same bird back on Linden Avenue! The final tally from October, 1974 to December 1975 stands at three Black-backed Three-toed Woodpeckers (at least) and one Northern Three-toed Woodpecker. Not a bad tally considering the absence of records for many years!

David Wilcove, 89 Depew Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14214

#### THE B.O.S. MINI-RUNS...AN EASY WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO KNOWLEDGE WHILE YOU BIRD

If you have an ear for birds as well as an eye, a few hours of your summertime are sought by the BOS Research Committee. The BOS Mini-Runs program is back, and this very simple but effective population trend survey can be an excellent investment of your birding time and abilities.

To improve coordination of the Mini-Run program, BOS has established 12 Mini-Run routes in Erie County. Each route is 12 miles long, can be done by any birder with a tank of gas in the car and a couple of early-morning hours available one June day, and will help make a significant contribution to the understanding of breeding bird populations in our area. For those who are aware of the national breeding bird survey routes of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the BOS Mini-Runs will follow the same rules but cover half the mileage of the federal effort.

Rules, maps and check-lists will be provided in detail to each volunteer. Basically, the following requirements must be met:

1. One person alone should act as the observer; an assistant (if desired) can join the observer to record data only.
2. The Mini-Run route of 12 miles, consisting of 25 three-minute stops every half-mile on a predetermined stretch of Erie County roads, must be accomplished sometime between June 12 and June 27; the Mini-Run is to begin at 5:10 a.m. and -- allowing for five minutes of birding and driving per stop -- will normally conclude by 7:15 a.m.
3. The Mini-Run must not be taken on a morning when weather conditions (rain, fog or high wind) restrict viewing and/or hearing

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The B.O.S. Mini-Runs, cont.

This Erie County Mini-Run project will continue for at least five years. It will chart trends in populations based on ecological change, distribution shifts, etc. If the same observer can repeat the same Mini-Run each year, it will assist in the validity of data, but a personal commitment beyond the 1976 Mini-Run program is not mandatory. If you volunteer, be sure you can follow through and complete this year's Mini-Run at least.

The 12-Mini-runs established for Erie County are roughly as follows:

- A -- Grand Island (starts in BOS coordinates 9-1-5)
- B -- Amherst (11-F-11) along Tonawanda Creek to Clarence
- C -- Urban from Kenmore (11-J-5) to Depew
- D -- Clarence (10-P-1) to Newstead
- E -- Lake Shore from Hamburg (14-D-10) to Evans Center
- F -- Orchard Park from East Eden (14-G-11) to East Aurora
- G -- Elma from Aurora (12-O-2) to Lancaster
- H -- Wales (15-E-4) to Marilla
- I -- Brant from Eden Center (16-E-13) to Evangola State Park
- J -- Boston (14-K-15) to North Collins
- K -- Zoar Valley from Concord (17-A-16) to Collins Center
- L -- Sardinia (14-R-23) to Colden

Volunteers are needed for Routes C, G, H, I, J, K and L. Please contact Dave Freeland, 60 Haymarket Sq., E. Amherst, N.Y. 14051 no later than May 15.

#### SPRING PYMATUNING WEEKEND

Date: - - - - - Spring - May 8-9, 1976 (40TH ANNIVERSARY)

Arrangements: - - - - - Same as usual -- Saturday at Presque Isle in Erie (scheduled field trips for those interested departing Cabin No. 3 at 8:15 a.m. and at 10:15 a.m.) -- Saturday night banquet and meeting at Penn Line, Pa. -- Sunday breakfast at a nearby restaurant for those who desire it -- Sunday field trips in the Pymatuning area.

Banquet: - - - - - 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Penn Line Grange Hall. Ham or turkey at \$4.25 per plate. Send no money but make advance dinner reservations by the preceeding Monday with:

Mrs. George W. Shaffer (814) 683-5023  
325 Franklin Street, Box 716  
Linesville, Pa. 16424

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"Spring Pymatuning Weekend" cont.

Speakers:----- Spring - Dr. William O. Robinson of Pittsburgh  
will present "The Birds of East Africa."

Inasmuch as the spring meeting marks the 40th anniversary of the Pymatuning Group, we sincerely hope it may turn out to be a real "home-coming" for original and early members. We plan to invite all those we can locate.

Contact Harold Mitchell at 833-8612, if interested in joining local group to attend.

#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's clubroom at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

April 14th: Symposium on flycatcher and vireo identification with Walter Klabunde as moderator. Hopefully, recordings of songs and calls and study skins of the species under discussion will be available. Bradley Lown will report on the results of his study of Carolinian bird species wintering in the B.O.S. study area.

April 28th: Planning the May Bird Count. Walter Klabunde and John Lehrer will present the program: "Where to bird in Niagara County."

May 12th: Report on the April Bird Count by Edward Fessler. Symposium on warbler and sparrow identification with moderator and members of panel yet to be chosen as of this writing. Again, hopefully, recordings of songs and calls and study skins of the species under discussion will be available.

#### PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

April 17, 18, 24 & 25      Observation of hawk migration in B.O.S. study area  
& May 1 & 2              with spotter teams stationed at Allegany Road in the town of Hanover in Chautauqua County and at the Beamer Conservation Area at Grimsby, Ontario on each day of these three weekends. Call Walt Klabunde at 754-4424 and sign up now.



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April 21st: "An Evening at the B.O.S. Sanctuary": Meet at entrance to refuge at 3050 Love Road on Grand Island at 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to see the thrilling "sky dance" of the male woodcock.

May 8th - 9th: Field trip in preparation by program chairman for one or both of these dates. See Notes for information on Pymatuning Spring Weekend.

May 15th & 16th: "May Bird Count". Contact Harriette Klabunde, leader, at 754-4424. Once again, the count will cover two days. Observers can be afield on both days but they must cover different parts of their territory on each day.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler, Mr. David B. Freeland, 60 Haymarket Square, East Amherst, New York 14051.

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## THE MONTH

The weather in March was warm and wet with the average temperature for the period,  $37.2^{\circ}\text{F}$ ,  $5.1^{\circ}$  above the mean. Precipitation measured 5.59 inches, a departure of 2.74 inches above normal with snowfall measuring 17.3 inches at Buffalo, mostly from falls of 4.1 inches and 3.7 inches on the 1st and 16th days respectively. During the late evening of the 2nd and the early morning hours of the 3rd, that portion of our study area on the Lake Erie Plain from Westfield, N.Y. to Miller Point, Ontario was devastated by the most severe ice storm since 1929, felling or damaging thousands of trees and causing property damage in populated areas totaling millions of dollars from resulting power disruption and flooding. It appears that a warm flow of southerly air bumped into a stationary cold front over Lake Erie and which, in rising above it and over it, caused accompanying heavy precipitation in the form of rain to change to ice as it fell into the colder air below. With a heavy accumulation of tons of ice from the upper lakes in a 2000 acre field jammed against the boom at the mouth of the Niagara River, some felt that the presence of this baffle modifying the climate contributed very much to this peculiar and devastating meteorological phenomena. On the 27th, tornado like winds accompanied the arrival of a cold front, after two days of unseasonably warm weather, causing local wind damage in northern Erie and Niagara counties. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The migration of ducks, geese and other water birds in March was very satisfying to the field observer with the sinks in Northern Erie County and the wetlands on the state and federal refuges in Niagara, Genesee and Orleans Counties filled with birds all month. In addition to large flocks of Canada Geese on Lake Ontario, unverified reports of two small flocks of White-fronted Geese and a flight of Brant between Fort Niagara and Olcott, N.Y. were also received. A good flight of migrating raptors along the south shore of Lake Erie was also reported.

The male Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker, which remained in the vicinity of Meadow Road in Buffalo since late December, was seen by many observers throughout the month. John Morse reports an immature Yellow-headed Blackbird at his feeder on N.Y. Route #77, just east of the Cayuga Pool overlook at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. The bird was seen several times throughout the month.

Joseph F. Thill, 36 Allegany Road, Kenmore, New York 14217

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	March	15	1 Cuba Lake	Scott
	"	28	1 Cuba Lake	Burtens
Horned Grebe	"	28	80 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, et al.
Whistling Swan	"	5	350 Rossburg	M. Pitzrick
	"	15	301 Clarence-Iroquois	Mitchell,
			NWR	Lewandowski
	"	15,28	300,558 Cuba Lake	Burtens
	"	25	729(max) Cuba Lake	Scott
Canada Goose	"	8,29	25,000;25,000 Iroquois	NWR Morse,et al.
	"	15	11,500 Clarence-Iroquois	Mitchell,
			NWR	Lewandowski
	"	27	18,000 Iroquois	NWR Freeland,et al.
	"	28	18,000 Iroquois	NWR Mitchell,et al.
	"	28	6,500 Newstead area	Mitchell, et al.
Snow Goose	"	15F	1 Tonawanda	GMA Morse
	"	15F	1 Clarence-Iroquois	Mitchell,
			NWR	Lewandowski
	"	26	1 Tonawanda	GMA Rew
	"	27	3 Pembroke	Freeland, et al.
	"	28	29 Iroquois	NWR BOS (Mitchell)
Snow Goose (blue morph)	"	26	2 Oak Orchard	Wilcove
	"	27	2 Iroquois	NWR Freeland, et al.
	"	28	5 Iroquois	NWR Mitchell, et al.
	"	28	1 Newstead area	Mitchell, et al.

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Gadwall	March	7F	1 Iroquois NWR	Rebovich
"	"	10	3 Langford Pond	Bourne
"	"	15	4 Allegheny Res.	Elderkin
"	"	19	4 Burgeson Sanct.	Elderkin
"	"	19	3 Allegheny S.P.	Sundell, et al.
"	"	28	2 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell, et al.
Pintail	"	2-4,18,29	72,55,52 Cuba Lake	Scott
"	"	15	110 Clarence-Iroquois NWR	Mitchell, Lewandowski
"	"	15	2,000 Randolph	Elderkin
Green-winged Teal	"	8F	4 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	21	50 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
"	"	23	40 Randolph	Elderkin
* Blue-winged Teal	"	14F	1 Iroquois NWR	Rebovich
"	"	15,28	2,10 Cuba Marsh	Burtens
"	"	29,30,31	8,12,5 Cuba Lake	Scott
American Wigeon	"	2,15,28	6,30,50 Cuba Marsh	Burtens
"	"	2-30	46(max.) Cuba Lake	Scott
"	"	27	60 Iroquois NWR	Freeland, et al.
* Northern Shoveler	"	5F	4 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
"	"	6	1 Hanover Ctr.	Rew
"	"	7,20	1,2 Hanover Ctr.	Foster
"	"	23	16 Randolph	Elderkin
Wood Duck	"	1F	3 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	12	1 East Amherst	Freeland
"	"	15,19	2,1 East Eden	Bourne
"	"	29,31	5,2 Cuba Lake	Scott
Redhead	"	27	100 Iroquois NWR	Freeland, et al.
"	"	30	56 Forest Lawn	Wilcove
Ring-necked Duck	"	1-31	30(max.) Cuba Lake	Scott
"	"	21	52 Newstead	Andrle, et al.
Lesser Scaup	"	15F	24 Clarence-Iroquois NWR	Mitchell, Lewandowski
Ruddy Duck	"	4F	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	"	12,30	2,4 Amity Lake	V.Pitzrick, et al.
"	"	26	2 Oak Orchard	Wilcove
"	"	28	2 Greenhurst	Sundell, et al.
"	"	28	3 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell, et al.
Hooded Merganser	"	1-23	1-8 Cuba Lake	Scott
"	"	16	7 Amity Lake	Pitzricks, Graves
Red-breasted Merganser	"	26	351 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Happ, Harrington
* Turkey Vulture	"	15F	1 Clarence-Iroquois NWR	Mitchell, Lewandowski
"	"	19	1 Cherry Creek	Rew, et al.
"	"	19	1 Arkwright	Rew, et al.
"	"	19	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
"	"	21	4 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
"	"	24	10 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.

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*Turkey Vulture, cont.	March	27	3 Iroquois NWR	Freeland, et al.
"	"	27	1 Ward	Burtons
"	"	28	8 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell, et al.
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	8	1 Cheektowaga	Freeland
"	15,17,19,21	1,1,1,1	Amity Lake	Graves
"	20F	2	Hamburg	Bourne, et al.
"	20F	1	Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
"	26	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	26	6	Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Happ
"	27,29	1,1	Belmont	Burtons
Cooper's Hawk	"	16	1 Belmont	Burtons
"	23,28,29	1,1,1	Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	24	1	Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
"	26	1	Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Happ
"	27	1	March Road	Foster
"	28	1	East Amherst	Freeland
Red-tailed Hawk	"	20	35 Hamburg	Bourne, et al.
*Red-shouldered Hawk	"	19F	1 Lakeview	Bourne
"	19F	1	Frewsburg	Elderkin
"	20	20	Hamburg-Silver Cr.	Andrle, et al.
"	20	10	Allegany S.P.	Sundell, et al.
"	24	21	Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
Rough-legged Hawk	"	2	Amity Lake	Pitzricks
"	6	1	Angelica	Burtons
"	12	5	Allenberg Bog	Chapples
"	19	1	Kabob	Rew, et al.
"	21	2	Yates	Andrle, et al.
*Bald Eagle	"	14	1(imm.)Falconer area	Elderkin
*Sora	"	26	1 Cuba	Resch, et al.
American Coot	"	27	30 Iroquois NWR	Freeland, et al.
"	28	38	Cuba Marsh	Burtons
Killdeer	"	7	35 Cuba Lake	Fornesses
American Woodcock	"	19	5 Allegany S.P.	Sundell, et al.
"	20-31	2-5	Alfred	Brooks
*Common Snipe	20F,27	1,1	Amherst(SUNYAB)	Gibson, Happ
"	21	1	Clarence	Frank
"	24	1	Iroquois NWR	Heck
"	26	1	Hamburg	Bourne
"	27	3	Times Beach	McMichael, Wilcove
"	28	2	Amherst	Freeland
"	28	2	Iroquois NWR	Mitchell, et al.
*Greater Yellowlegs	21F	1	Hanover ctr.	Rew
"	26,27	1,1	Frewsburg	Elderkin
*Lesser Yellowlegs	27F	1	Frewsburg	Elderkin
Purple Sandpiper	7	5	N.Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
*Pectoral Sandpiper	21F	2	Hanover Ctr.	Rew
Glaucous Gull	7	2	N. Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Iceland Gull	5	1	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	7	1	N. Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.

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Bonaparte's Gull	March	5F	5 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Thill
"	"	5F	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Culver
"	22, 24, 29		1, 1, 1 Cuba Lake	Scott
"	24, 25		1, 1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	27		1 Iroquois NWR	Freeland, et al.
"	31		1 Times Beach	Foster
Long-eared Owl	"	4	1 Friendship	Serra
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1-28		1 Spring Brook	Danner
"	12		1 East Amherst	Freeland
"	26		1 Oak Orchard	Wilcove
*Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	27F		1 Iroquois NWR	Freeland, et al.
Black-backed 3-toed Wpkn.	8, 9, 11, 18, 29		1 N. Buffalo	McMichael, et al.
*Eastern Phoebe	14F, 25-26		1, 1 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	20		1 Cassadaga Lake	Frank, Csont, Horbett
"	20		1 Allegany S.P.	Sundell
"	24		1 Alfred	Cushing
*Horned Lark (alpestris)	26		1 Oak Orchard	Wilcove
*Tree Swallow	24F, 26		2, 1 Alfred	Brooks
"	25		1 Tonawanda GMA	Rebovich
"	26		5 Hamburg (Pinehurst)	Happ, Harrington
"	27, 29, 30		1, 1, 3 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	27		6 Iroquois NWR	Freeland, et al.
"	28		2 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	28		5 Iroquois NWR	Mitchell, et al.
Boreal Chickadee	"	6	1 Jamestown	Elderkin
Tufted Titmouse	1-31		1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	20		1 Amherst (SUNYAB)	Gibson, Happ
"	24		1 Alfred	Brooks
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4, 10		1, 1 Hamburg	Foster
"	11		1 Clarence	Happ
"	25		4(max.) Alfred	Brooks
"	30		1 East Eden	Bourne
Winter Wren	"	5	1 East Eden	Bourne
"	28		1 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	29		1 N. Buffalo	Wilcove
Carolina Wren	1-31		1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	4, 18		1 Belmont	Burtens
Mockingbird	3, 23, 28, 29		1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	19		1 Williamsville	Freeland
Hermit Thrush	"	19	1 N. Buffalo	Wilcove
Eastern Bluebird	"	6	1 Boston	Andrle
"	"	10	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck
"	20, 27		1, 1 Alfred	Brooks
"	20, 27		1, 2 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	20		2 Chautauqua Co.	Frank, Horbett, Csont
"	23-31		1-2 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick, et al.
"	27		2 Frewsburg	Elderkin
"	30		1 East Eden	Bourne

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Golden-crowned Kinglet	March 5,20,25-31	1,10,3-12	Alfred	Brooks
"	18-31	1-6	Spring Brook	Danner
"	26	13	Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	26	3	Lakeside	
"			Cemetery	Foster
"	27	5	Alfred	Klingensmith
*Water Pipit	29F	5	Hanover Ctr.	Foster
Cedar Waxwing	26	14	Alfred	Brooks
Northern Shrike	15	1	Amherst	Happ
"	17	1	Alfred	Brooks
"	17	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	19	1	Amity	Graves
"	23	1	Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	23	1	Clarence	Frank, Minsely
Eastern Meadowlark	8,11	2,3	Hamburg	Bourne
"	9	4	Kiantone	Elderkin
"	10	2	Fillmore	V. Pitzrick
*Yellow-headed Blackbird	7-9,17	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
Red-winged Blackbird	19-20	37,000	East Amherst	
			roost	Freeland
Rusty Blackbird	6	1	Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	11	3	Hamburg	Bourne
"	16	1	Belmont	Burtons
"	22,23,28	1,2,1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	25	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
"	27	1	Hamburg	Foster
"	28	100	Tonawanda GMA	Mitchell, et al.
Common Grackle	19-20	12,000	E. Amherst roost	Freeland
Brown-headed Cowbird albino	13,15	1	Cheektowaga	Schwartz
Evening Grosbeak	1-31	100	Belmont	Burtons
"	21	100	Alfred	Klingensmith
Purple Finch	1,9,10,16	8,1,9,1	Alfred	Brooks
"	9	1	Hamburg	Bourne
"	17,18	1,1	Belmont	Burtons
"	22,29	3,2	Spring Brook	Danner
"	23	1	East Amherst	Freeland
"	23	1	Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	25	1	Tonawanda GMA	Rebovich
"	29	1	Amity Lake	Graves
House Finch	1-31	1-5	Cheektowaga	Schwartz
Common Redpoll	1,4,18	3,1,1	Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	1-28	1-8	Cheektowaga	Schwartz
"	2-31,7	1-20,100	Belmont	Burtons
"	4-30	2-6	Eggertsville	Hull
"	9,31	30,2	Alfred	Brooks
"	11	1	Clarence	Happ
"	18-31	3	Belmont	Casterlines
"	30	8	Williamsville	Schwartz

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Pine Siskin	March	1-10	2 Hamburg	Foster
	"	1-3	1 Cheektowaga	Schwartz
	"	3	1 Alfred	Brooks
	"	6-7	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
	"	25	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	30	10 Tonawanda GMA	Rebovich
American Goldfinch	"	9	50 (max.) Spring Brook	Danner
Red Crossbill	"	19,20-31	22,3-11 Alfred	Brooks
	"	20	12 Orchard Park	Foster,Zablotny
	"	21	6 Orchard Park	Foster,Rew, Schwartz
	"	28	10 Alfred	Klingensmith
Rufous-sided Towhee	"	26	1 Alfred	Brooks
Savannah Sparrow	"	26F	1 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Happ, Harrington
	"	27	2 Iroquois NWR	Freeland,et al.
	"	29	1 Hamburg	Bourne
*Dark-eyed Junco (oreganus)	"	7-12	1 Cuba	Fornesses
	"	12	1 East Amherst	Freeland
*Chipping Sparrow	"	22F-31	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Field Sparrow	"	25F	1 Cheektowaga	Lewandowski
	"	28	1 Alfred	Brooks
	"	28-31	1 Hamburg	Foster
	"	28,30	1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
	"	29,30	1 Belmont	Burtens
	"	30	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
	"	31	1 East Amherst	Freeland
White-throated Sparrow	"	1-31	8-10 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1-31	1 Belmont	Burtens
	"	4	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	6-29	1-2 Hamburg	Skrzypek
Fox Sparrow	"	7,8,9,11,12	1 Cuba	Fornesses
	"	18	1 Belmont	Burtens
*Swamp Sparrow	"	26F	5 Cuba Lake	Scott

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ERRATUM

The editor appreciates any typographical errors or omissions being called to his attention.

Prothonotary, vol. 42:1, page 5:

Winter Wren	December 9, 28	1,3	Stow, Florence	Sundell
should read:				
Winter Wren	December 9, 28	1,3	Stow, Fluvanna	Sundell



PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, September to June, inclusive, in the Society's club-room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

May 26th: Report on the spring hawk migration.  
Walter Klabunde.

June 9th: Picnic meeting, Old Fort Erie Park, Fort Erie,  
Ontario - 6:30 p.m. Bring picnic supper.

Have a pleasant summer!

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

May 22nd or 23rd: Bird banding exhibition at 3-F Sportsmen's Club on Swann Road, Town of Lewiston, Niagara County. Jerry Farrell, a local birder, will demonstrate bird banding techniques in the field. Meet in front of the club at 8:00 a.m. Take N.Y. Route 104 east from Niagara Falls to the underpass at N.Y. Route #18 at Lewiston. Proceed north on Route #18 to the first road to the right, Swann Road. Note: Call our leader, Walter Klabunde, at 754-4424 for final decision on exact date, undecided at press time.

June 12th - June 19th: Two weekend breeding bird survey at the William P. Alexander Preserve of the Nature Conservancy at Zoar Valley, Erie County, N.Y. We will rendezvous at 5:00 a.m. in front of the restaurant across the highway from the farm implement dealer at the intersection of N.Y. Route #39 and U.S. Route #219, west of the village of Springville on the appointed dates, both Saturdays. If one or both dates are unsuitable for seeing and/or hearing birds because of weather conditions, we will gather on the morning (Sunday) following the scheduled date. Call Frances Rew, Research Committee chairperson, at 822-0342 for further clarification, if needed.

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## THE MONTH

"A temperate climate of intemperate extremes" in the apt description of weather conditions in the Niagara Frontier region. It is especially descriptive of April with the month beginning with a long spell of cold, dry weather (temperatures being 8°F below normal on the 11th, the date of the April Bird Count) only to soar to become highs of 80° and over on the 17th and 18th and dropping sharply to end the month on a stormy note with one inch of snow measured at the Buffalo Airport on the 26th with a high temperature of only 38°F, 14 degrees below normal for the date. Precipitation measured 4.01 inches, a departure of 0.86 inches from the norm for the month. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The extremely warm weather of mid-month gave the impetus to a surge of small passering migration with warblers and other birds everywhere in evidence in small flocks. Among the more exciting finds were a Worm-eating Warbler at Beaver Meadow Nature Sanctuary in Wyoming County on April 22nd and a Yellow-throated Warbler at the Wendt Beach County Park near Sturgeon Point in the town of Evans in Erie County on the 24th. No less impressive was the hawk migration. While no record flights of raptors were observed, good numbers of broad-wings were seen from the Allegany Road look out in the Town of Hanover in Chautauqua County on the 16th and 18th with Sharp-shinned Hawks coming through, in a seemingly endless stream, in all kinds of weather conditions, from the 15th to the end of the month. This writer has found the large hill on the south side of the road near the Village of Youngstown entrance to the Fort Niagara State Park in the Town of Porter to be an excellent viewing point for those hawks and other raptors migrating north around the western end of Lake Ontario. On the 15th, on warm southwesterly winds, I counted 72 Sharp-shinned Hawks, one Cooper's Hawk and three Marsh Hawks, some almost at eye level, crossing this hill between 12:00 noon and 1:05 p.m. EST. On April 18th, between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon, again on warm southerly winds, over 200 sharp-shins, four Marsh Hawks, a Cooper's Hawk and two migrant Red-tailed Hawks were counted by the

writer from this hill. Strange to say, in many years of hawk watching from this location, few broad-wings have been recorded by me while just a few miles up-river in the Town of Lewiston, large 'kettles' of this species are not uncommon when wind conditions are favorable.

Mention must also be made at this time of another excellent location, just west of our study area, for watching the spring passage of waterfowl, hawks and other raptors in March and April which B.O.S. members formally visited for the first time this year. It is the Beamer Conservation Area on the Niagara Escarpment overlooking the community of Grimsby, Ontario in the Niagara Peninsula. Here, at an elevation hundreds of feet above Lake Ontario, the observer has a panoramic view of the Lake Plain, almost back to the Niagara River. Excellent views of hawks, some at eye level and below are not uncommon on good flight days and Beamer Conservation Area is recommended to both beginner and expert for a very rewarding birding experience.

An immature Bald Eagle, first reported from the golf course at the intersection of East River and Whitehaven Roads on Grand Island by Lincoln Nutting on April 2nd, became somewhat of a local celebrity during the next week as it proved remarkably tame and accommodating to hordes of bird watchers and local residents who drove over to see it. When airborne, it was usually harassed by several local Red-tailed Hawks and some of us were treated to some spectacular aerobatics during one such encounter on the morning of the 3rd. Finally, on the morning of April 13th, Robert Andrie reported over 750 ducks of sixteen species at Times Beach in the Buffalo Harbor, an area which never ceases to amaze even the most seasoned field observers!

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#### NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	April 7,12,28	1,1,1	Alfred	Brooks
	" 11,27,28	1	Amity Lake	Pitzricks, Graves
	" 15	1	Panama	Elderkin
	" 17	1	Amherst (SUNYAB)	McKales
	" 27	1	Allegheny Res.	Elderkin

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Double-crested Cormorant	April	17F	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Sundells, Kibler, Mistretta
"	"	17F	1 Tiffit Farm	Andrle, et al.
"	"	26	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
*Green Heron	"	18F-30	2 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	20	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
*Black-crowned Night Heron	"	9F	46 Niagara Falls	Axtell
"	"	20	12 Niagara Falls	Hess
"	"	30	92 Niagara Falls	Rew
*American Bittern	"	1F	1 Tonawanda WMA	Schwartz, Horbett, Winsley
"	"	7	1 Evans	Foster, Hauser
*Glossy Ibis	"	18	1 Newstead Sinks	Rew, Clark, et al.
*Mute Swan	"	24	1 Burgeson Sanct.	Elderkin; Sundell, et al.
Whistling Swan	"	3	520 Cuba Lake & Marsh	Burtens; V. Pitzrick, Graves
Canada Goose	"	6	11,000 Iroquois NWR	Danner
"	"	7,19,28	25,100; 12,000; 7,200	
"	"		Iroquois NWR	Morse
*White-fronted Goose	"	17	3 Newstead Sinks	Wendling
Snow Goose	"	3	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	14	1 Iroquois NWR	Hess
Snow Goose	"	3,23	1,3 Iroquois NWR	Morse
(blue morph)	"	9	3 Iroquois NWR	Hess
"	"	16	1 Iroquois NWR	Bourne
*European Wigeon	"	24	1 Newstead Sinks	Freeland
Redhead	"	12	140 Times Beach	Foster
White-winged Scoter	"	7,8,19	1,1,1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks, Graves
"	"	17	1 Pt. Gratiot	Sundell, Kibler, Mistretta
"	"	17	4 Hamburg (Pinehurst)	Clark, et al.
"	"	18	1 Amherst (SUNYAB)	McKales
"	"	20	12 Times Beach	Foster
"	"	24	2 Dunkirk Harbor	Freeland, et al.
"	"	29	2 Times Beach	Hess
"	"	29	1 Buffalo Harbor	Hess
Ruddy Duck	"	3	5 Cuba Lake	Burtens
"	"	6	1 Langford	Bourne
"	"	6,8,15	2,1,3 Amity Lake	Pitzricks, Graves
"	"	17,18	9,10 Amherst (SUNYAB)	McKales
"	"	24	31 Greenhurst	Sundell
Turkey Vulture	"	10,18	12,18 Allegany Rd.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	10	7 Athol Springs	Andrle, et al.
"	"	16	13 Allegany Rd.	Rew, Schwartz, Frank
"	"	16	14 Iroquois NWR	Bourne
"	"	29	1 Times Beach	Happ, Harrington

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Goshawk	April	13	1 Almond	Burtens
"	"	13	1 Birdsall	Burtens
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	1,28	1,1 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	15	72 Ft.Niagara St.Pk.	Thill,Pratt
"	"	15	83 Dunkirk	Hess
"	"	15	23 Allegany Rd.	Hess
"	"	15	5 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, Fosters
"	"	16	117 Allegany Rd.	Rew,Schwartz, Frank
"	"	17	60 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark, et al.
"	"	18	132 Allegany Rd.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	18	225 Ft.Niagara St.Pk.	Thills
"	"	18	103 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
"	"	18	3 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark
"	"	19	31 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Foster, Clark
"	"	19	2 Amity Lake	V.Pitzrick
"	"	23	1 Ashford Jct.	V.Pitzrick
"	"	24	1 Wendt Beach	Freeland, et al.
Cooper's Hawk	"	15,18	1,1 Ft.Niagara St.Pk.	Thills, et al.
"	"	23	1 Ellicottville	Pitzricks
"	"	27	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	28	1 Amity	V.Pitzrick
Red-tailed Hawk	"	15	12 Allegany Rd.	Hess
"	"	16	17 Allegany Rd.	Rew,Schwartz, Frank
Red-shouldered Hawk	"	1,6,30	2,3,2 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	4,6,7,19,20	1,3,3,2,2 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	9	2 Grand Island	Freelands
"	"	10	1 Ward	Pitzricks
"	"	13	1 Birdsall	Burtens
"	"	16	2 Allegany Rd.	Rew,Schwartz, Frank
"	"	30	1 Hamburg	Bourne
*Broad-winged Hawk	"	16	622 Allegany Rd.	Rew,Schwartz, Frank
"	"	17	18 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark, et al.
"	"	17	16 Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	17	1 Tonawanda Wm.	Rebovich
"	"	18	515 Allegany Rd.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	19	124 Allegany Rd.	Hess
"	"	19	1 Frewsburg	Elderkin
"	"	24,30	1,1 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	28,30	2,3 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	29	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick, Graves
Rough-legged Hawk	"	16L	2 Charlotte	Rew,Schwartz, Frank
Bald Eagle	"	3-4	1 (imm.)Grand Island	Andrle, et al; Foster, Schwartz; Sundell, et al.
"	"	6	1 (imm.)Grand Island	Hess
"	"	16	1 (imm.)Allegany Rd.	Rew,Schwartz, Frank

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*Golden Eagle	April	7	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
*Osprey	"	7F	1 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	15,20,21,29	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks, Graves
	"	15	1 Canadaway Cr. N.S.	Hess
	"	16	2 Allegany Rd.	Rew, Schwartz, Frank
	"	17	1 Tiffit Farm	Andrle, et al.
	"	17	1 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark, et al.
	"	18	1 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
	"	18	2 Allegany Rd.	Andrle, et al.
	"	18	1 Brant	Andrle, et al.
	"	20-30	1-2 Belmont	Burtens
	"	20	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
	"	20	1 Tillman Swamp	Schwartz, Frank, Minsley
	"	24	1 Alma	Burtens
	"	24	2 Stillwater	Sundell
	"	27	2 Allegheny Res.	Elderkin
	"	29	1 Buffalo	Hess
*Merlin	"	5	1 Niagara Falls	Freeland
Turkey	"	13,17,18	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
	"	28	1 Chestnut Ridge Pk.	Bourne
*Common Gallinule	"	16F	1 Iroquois NWR	Bourne
	"	28	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
*Upland Sandpiper	"	13F	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
	"	16	1 Kiantone Twp.	Sundell
*Spotted Sandpiper	"	20F	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
	"	21	1 Times Beach	Foster
*Solitary Sandpiper	"	22F, 24	1,3 Frewsburg	Elderkin
	"	23	1 Buffalo(So. Park)	Rew, Schwartz, Foster
Greater Yellowlegs	"	18	23 Newstead Sinks	Rew
Lesser Yellowlegs	"	8	10 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	15	3 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	15,22	3,3 Times Beach	Foster
	"	18	16 Newstead Sinks	Rew
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	8,23	25,90 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	18	55 Newstead Sinks	Rew
	"	24	51 Newstead Sinks	Freeland
	"	27	150 Newstead Sinks	Hess
Dunlin	"	20F, 22	11,3 Times Beach	Foster
Glaucous Gull	"	5	1 Niagara Falls	Freeland
	"	6	1 Buffalo Harbor	Hess
	"	20	1 Niagara Falls	Hess
Iceland Gull	"	9	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	12	1 Buffalo	Hess
Bonaparte's Gull	"	13	1800 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Little Gull	"	4	2 Queenston, Ont.	Klabunde, et al.



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*Common Tern	April	9F	7 N.Falls, Ont.	Axtell
	"	23	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse
*Caspian Tern	"	17F	3 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, Clark, et al.
	"	17F	1 Pt. Gratiot	Sundell, Kibler, Mistretta
	"	19	5 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark, Foster
	"	21	2 Times Beach	Foster
	"	21, 26	2, 17 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	23-26	1-9 Times Beach	Hess
	"	24	3 Dunkirk Harbor	Freeland, et al.
	"	24	7 Greenhurst	Sundell
	"	24	2 Bemus Point	Sundell
Snowy Owl	"	20L	1 Niagara Falls	Hess
Long-eared Owl	"	9	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
Short-eared Owl	"	16	1 Oak Orchard WMA	Bourne
*Chimney Swift	"	17F	1 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark
	"	20	1 Wilson Cemetery	Hess
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	1-14	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	10	1 East Amherst	Freeland
	"	10	1 Ward	Pitzricks
*Red-headed Woodpecker	"	24	1 Wendt Beach	Freeland, et al.
	"	30	1 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Axtell
*Bank Swallow	"	18F	1 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
	"	24	2 Dunkirk Harbor	Freeland, et al.
Rough-winged Swallow	"	15	1 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
	"	21	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Barn Swallow	"	15	2 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
	"	16	1 Iroquois NWR	Bourne
	"	16	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Schmigel, Thompson
*Cliff Swallow	"	24F	1 Dunkirk Harbor	Freeland, et al.
	"	30	2 Allegany Rd.	Axtell
*Purple Martin	"	10F	1 Allegany Rd.	Andrle, et al.
	"	13	1 Burgeson Sanc.	Elderkin
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-30	2 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	19	1 East Amherst	Freeland
	"	21	2 Hamburg	Foster
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	1, 30	2, 1 Alfred	Brooks
	"	6, 20, 24	1, 5, 2 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	9	7 Bond's Lake Park	Klabundes
	"	16	2 Burgeson Sanct.	Sundell, Cooney
	"	16-22	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	23	5 Canadaway Creek, N.S.	Pitzricks
	"	24	2 Wendt Beach	Freeland, et al.
	"	27	2 Almond	Klingensmith
*House Wren	"	20F-30	2-3 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	20-30	2 East Amherst	Freeland
	"	20, 24	1, 2 Amity Lake	Pitzricks, Graves
	"	21	1 Alfred	Klingensmith

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Carolina Wren	April	1-30	2 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	9	1 Canadaway Creek N.S	Rew
	"	24	4 Dunkirk area	Freeland, et al.
Mockingbird	"	13	2 Niagara County	Klabundes
	"	22	1 Hamburg	Foster
	"	30	1 Alfred	Brooks
Brown Thrasher	"	17	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
	"	18	3 Hamburg	Foster
	"	18	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
* Wood Thrush	"	19F	1 Forest Lawn	McKales
	"	25	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Hermit Thrush	"	9F	2 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	16	1 Times Beach	Foster
Eastern Bluebird	"	1-24	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
	"	3	2 North Hudson	Burtens
	"	15	1 Pt. Gratiot	Hess
	"	17	2 Alfred	Klingensmith
	"	19,27	2,1 Frewsburg	Elderkin
	"	30	1 Hamburg	Bourne
* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	"	20F	2 Iroquois NWR	Hess
	"	20F	1 Iroquois NWR	Thompson
* Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	16	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
	"	16F-28	1-12 Amity	V. Pitzrick
	"	16F	35. Burgeson Sanct.	Sundell, Cooney
	"	16F, 17, 18, 20	1, 1, 2, 30 Alfred	Klingensmith
Water Pipit	"	17	25 Towerville	Sundells, Kibler, Mistretta
	"	27	3 Newstead Sinks	Hess
Cedar Waxwing	"	10	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
	"	27	26 Belmont	Burtens
	"	30	2 Amity	V. Pitzrick
Northern Shrike	"	2	1 near Lakeview	Bourne
	"	5L	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
* Loggerhead Shrike	"	1F	1 East Amherst	Freeland
	"	6	1 near Langford	Bourne
* Solitary Vireo	"	18F	3 Burgeson Sanct.	Sundell
	"	21	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
* Warbling Vireo	"	30F	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
* Black-and-White Warbler	"	19F	1 Cheektowaga	Schwartzes
	"	21	1 Tifft Farm	Foster
	"	21	1 Tifft Farm	Andrle, et al.
* Worm-eating Warbler	"	22F	1 Beaver Meadow, Wyo. Co.	V. Pitzrick
* Nashville Warbler	"	27F	1 Almond	Klingensmith
	"	30	1 Alfred	Brooks
* Yellow Warbler	"	24F	1 Newstead Sinks	Freeland
	"	24F	1 Bemus Point	Sundell
	"	24F	1 Burgeson Sanct.	Elderkin
	"	25, 28, 31	1, 1, 2 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick

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Yellow-rumped Warbler April	16F	1	Tonawanda WTA	Rebovich
"	16F	20	Burgeson Sanct.	Sundell, Cooney
"	17	1	Hamburg (Pinehurst)	Clark, et al.
"	30	80	Alfred	Brooks
*Black-thr. Green Warbler	20F	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
"	30	3	Alfred	Brooks
*Yellow-throated Warbler	24	1	Wendt Beach	Freeland, et al.
Pine Warbler	17F	1	Iroquois NWR	Horse
"	18	1	E. Eden Pond	Andrle, et al.
"	18	1	Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	21	2	Forest Lawn	Andrle, Byron
"	24	1	Forest Lawn	Wilcove
"	28	1	Chestnut Ridge Pk.	Bourne
*Palm Warbler	19F	1	Iroquois NWR	Thompson
"	29	1	Bond's Lake Park	Klabundes
*Ovenbird	28	1	Amity	V. Pitzrick
*Northern Waterthrush	21F	1	Tifft Farm	Andrle, et al.
"	24	1	Burgeson Sanct.	Elderkin
*Louisiana Waterthrush	22F	1	Frewsburg	Elderkin
Eastern Meadowlark	17	34	Hamburg (Pinehurst)	Clark, et al.
*Northern Oriole	30F	1	Tonawanda WTA	Rebovich
Rusty Blackbird	6,9,14	3,1,4	Amity	Pitzricks
"	17	1	Forest Lawn	McMichael
*Rose-breasted Grosbeak	23-29F	1	Jamestown	Sundells
"	30	1	East Amherst	Freeland
Evening Grosbeak	1-30	75-40	Belmont	Burtens
"	1-30	1-60	Alfred	Brooks
House Finch	1-30	2-8	Cheektowaga	Schwartz
"	8-16	1	Rose Hill Rd. Ont.	Axtell
"	23-30	1	Eggertsville	McKales
"	30	1	North Buffalo	Wilcove
Common Redpoll	1	2	Amity Lake	Graves
"	6,7,12,13	1-2	Cheektowaga	Schwartz
"	9	6	Grand Island	Freelands
"	10	2	Williamsville	Schwartz
Pine Siskin	9	7	Youngstown	Klabundes
"	9	1	Cheektowaga	Schwartz
"	15-30	6	(max.) Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	16	1	Burgeson Sanct.	Sundell
"	17	1	Hamburg (Pinehurst)	Clark, et al.
"	17	5	Williamsville	Schwartz
"	20-30	4-18	Belmont	Burtens
"	25	1	North Buffalo	Wilcove
"	25	14	Jamestown	Sundells, Smiths
Red Crossbill	1	12	Orchard Park	Andrle
"	1-29	1-16	Alfred	Brooks
"	23	2	Jamestown	Sundell
"	30	2	Evans	Axtell
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	1	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	10-30	1-2	Spring Brook	Danner
*Henslow's Sparrow	21F	3	Alfred	Klingensmith

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*Vesper Sparrow	April	7F	1 Belmont	Burtens
	"	18	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Chipping Sparrow	"	1-30	1 East Amherst	Freeland
	"	10	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
White-crowned Sparrow	"	19F	20 Clarence	Freeland
	"	19F	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	19F	2 Amity Lake	Graves
	"	26,28,29	1,1,1 Hamburg	Skrzypek
Fox Sparrow	"	16	1 Burgeson Sanct.	Sundell, Cooney
	"	16	1 Cheektowaga	Schwartz
	"	19	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
Swamp Sparrow	"	7	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	15,16	1,1 Times Beach	Foster

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 142

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 46

Total for year . . . . . 188

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Report of the April Bird Count

Date: April 11th, 1976

Compiler: Edward Fessler

Weather: Unseasonably cold; temperatures were between 28° and 38°F throughout most of the area with northwest winds between 15 and 30 m.p.h. Snow cover, up to one inch and more, was reported from the southern sections of the territory. Some snow and rain was reported in some sections in the morning, with partial clearing in the afternoon.

Comment: In spite of the inclement weather, 129 species were observed. The total number of individuals was 186,000. This year there were 18 species with the highest count over the period of the past ten years. They were:

Common Loon	American Coot
Pied-billed Grebe	Bonaparte's Gull
Great Blue Heron	Rock Dove
Gadwall	Rough-winged Swallow
Wood Duck	Water Pipit
Redhead	Savannah Sparrow
Ring-necked Duck	Dark-eyed Junco
Common Scoter	Lapland Longspur
Turkey	House Finch

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Report of the April Bird Count, cont.

Some noteworthy sightings were:

- 2 Red-necked Grebes in section #24
- 11 Black-crowned Night Herons in section #9
- 9 Snow Geese , including 1 blue Morph in Section #5
- 10 Common Scoters in section #5
- 1 Bald Eagle in section #24
- 2 Ospreys (section #23 and section #28)
- 7 Lapland Longspurs in section #5

Species:

Note: Numbers in parenthesis following individual totals indicate where species was observed in three or less territories.

\* NEW SPECIES FOR THE YEAR.

Loons - Mergansers

Common Loon	137
Red-necked Grebe	2 (24)
Horned Grebe	386
Pied-B-Grebe	129
Gr. Blue Heron	236
B-cr. Night Heron	11 (9)
Mute Swan	1 (25)
Whistling Swan	104
Canada Goose	37,077
Snow Goose	9 (5)
Mallard	846
Black Duck	106
Gadwall	97
Pintail	662
Green-w. Teal	97
Blue-w. Teal	271
American Wigeon	351
Northern Shoveler	34
Wood Duck	152
Redhead	635
Ring-n. Dick	921
Canvasback	403
Greater Scaup	2,333
Lesser Scaup	399
Common Goldeneye	964
Bufflehead	610

Loons - Mergansers con t.

Oldsquaw	534
White-w. Scoter	136
Common Scoter	10
Ruddy Duck	25
Hooded Merganser	67
Common Merganser	152
Red-br. Merganser	3,646

Vultures - Rails

Turkey Vulture	52
Sharp-sh. Hawk	9
Cooper's Hawk	12
Red-tailed Hawk	143
Red-sh. Hawk	12
Rough-leg. Hawk	12
Bald Eagle	1 (24)
Marsh Hawk	34
Osprey	2 (23, 28)
American Kestrel	77
Ruffed Grouse	35
Ring-n. Pheasant	95
Turkey	57
American Coot	558

Report of April Bird Count, cont.

Species, cont.

SHOREBIRDS

Killdeer	693
Amer. Woodcock	39
Common Snipe	103
Greater Yellowlegs	3 (25,26)
Lesser Yellowlegs	3 (26)
Pectoral Sandpiper	22 (4,22)

Jaegers - Owls

Iceland Gull	1 (11)
Gr. Black-b. Gull	28
Herring Gull	1047
Ring-b. Gull	6606
Bonaparte's Gull	18,001
Little Gull	3 (3)
Common Tern	1 (14)
Rock Dove	1386
Mourning Dove	509
Screech Owl	2 (26)
Great Horned Owl	11
Barred Owl	1 (28)
Long-e. Owl	1 (11)

WHIP-POOR-WILLS - CREEPERS

Belted Kingfisher	70
Common Flicker	220
Pileated Wdpkr.	8
Red-bell. Wdpkr.	11
Red-h. Wdpkr.	3 (9,16)
Yellow-b. Sapsucker	15
Hairy Wdpkr.	163
Downy Wdpkr.	350
Eastern Phoebe	126
Horned Lark	
<u>E.a. Alpestris</u>	147
<u>E.a. Praticola</u>	411
Tree Swallow	801
* Rough-w. Swallow	11 (6,23)
* Barn Swallow	3 (23,28)
Blue Jay	522

WHIP-POOR-WILLS - CREEPERS cont.

Common Crow	2042
Black-c. Chickadee	1058
Tufted Titmouse	18
White-br. Nuthatch	27
Red-br. Nuthatch	19
Brown Creeper	41

WRENS - VIREOS

Winter Wren	26
Carolina Wren	3(14,25,28)
Mockingbird	5
Gray Catbird	3 (10,14)
Brown Thrasher	3(14,20,27)
Amer. Robin	13,334
Hermit Thrush	7
Eastern Bluebird	18
Golden-cr. Kinglet	357
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	7
Water Pipit	718
Cedar Waxwing	125
Loggerhead Shrike	2 (4,13)
Starling	47,502

WARBLERS - HOUSE SPARROWS

Yellow-rump. Warbler	3 (21,24)
House Sparrow	4,174

ICTERIDS - FRINGILLIDS

E. Meadowlark	260
Red-w. Blackbird	17,521
Rusty Blackbird	700
Common Grackle	20,914
Brown-h. Cowbird	4,411
Cardinal	554
Evening Grosbeak	2,420
Purple Finch	38
Common Redpoll	28
Pine Siskin	6(14,28)
Amer. Goldfinch	546
Red Crossbill	10(14,28)
Rufous-s. Towhee	7
Savannah Sparrow	241

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April Bird Count species, cont.

ICTERIDS - FRINGILLIDS, cont.

Vesper Sparrow	212
Dark-eyed Junco	7,034
Tree Sparrow	467
Chipping Sparrow	70
Field Sparrow	57
Wh.-cr. Sparrow	17
Wh.-thr. Sparrow	68

ICTERIDS - FRINGILLIDS, cont.

Fox Sparrow	70
Swamp Sparrow	22
Song Sparrow	2,513
Lapland Longspur	8 (5,15)
Snow Bunting	2 (12)
House Finch	23(8,11,25)

The compiler wishes to express his appreciation to the section compilers listed below and the many observers who participated in the count to make it a success. Special thanks to our friends in Genesee County, the Allegany County Bird Club and the Jamestown Audubon Society for their usual fine cooperation.

TERRITORIES AND COUNT LEADERS

1. Fonthill, Ontario	not covered
2. Thorold, Ontario	not covered
3. Wilson, N.Y.	Walter Klabunde
4. Middleport, N.Y.	Edward Fessler
5. Oak Orchard, N.Y.	Harold Mitchell
6. Fort Maitland, Ont.	Joseph Thill
7. Lowbanks, Ontario	Mary Louise Emerson
8. Fort Erie, Ontario	Wayne Tott
9. Grand Island, N.Y.	William Vaughan
10. Akron, N.Y.	Alice Ulrich
11. Buffalo, N.Y.	David Freeland
12. Lancaster, N.Y.	Marie Wendling
13. Batavia, N.Y.	Jane Mason
14. Hamburg, N.Y.	T.L. Bourne
15. Java, N.Y.	David Bigelow
16. Angola, N.Y.	Cynthia Millard
17. Cattaraugus, N.Y.	Carolyn Frank
18. Delevan, N.Y.	not covered
19. Fillmore, N.Y.	Katherine Palmer
20. Dunkirk, N.Y.	Frances Rew
21. Cherry Creek, N.Y.	Jamestown Audubon Society
22. Sherman, N.Y.	Jamestown Audubon Society
23. Frewsburg, N.Y.	Jamestown Audubon Society
24. Allegany State Park	Doug Happ
25. Allegany, N.Y.	John Forness
26. Cuba Reservoir	Allegany County Bird Club
27. Bolivar, N.Y.	Allegany County Bird Club
28. Alfred, N.Y.	Allegany County Bird Club

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NOTES

The B.O.S. Verification Date Guide

The fourth edition of the Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario (revised 1976) has been published by the Buffalo Ornithological Society and is available for purchase at seventy five cents per copy. Copies may be purchased from Ms. Marie Wendling, 87 Garrison Road, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221 (tel. 632-6625) or from 'The Cabinet', the gift shop in the basement of the Museum of Science in Buffalo. This invaluable little booklet is indispensable in determining what constitutes an unusual sight record in our study area by listing all of the species of birds reliably observed here up to January, 1976 with the average dates of their arrivals and departures if not permanent residents, the first and last average dates of arrival and departure in spring and fall migration if not summer residents and whether the bird is a true rarity not regularly seen at any time in this area. It is also indispensable in determining what birds must be the subject of a written verification report to be accepted as part of the permanent records of the Society.

Effective July 1st, 1976, this edition will be used in determining when written verification will be needed for a record to be considered for the permanent files of the B.O.S.

New Members

The Society is pleased to welcome the following new associate members elected to membership between June 1st, 1975 and April 1st, 1976.

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New Members, cont.

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At the Society's regular meeting in the Museum of Science on February 25th, 1976 the following were elevated to the status of active members: Maxine & Wavel Barber, Marian Bee, Mary and John Forness, Marcya Foster, David Freeland, Doug Happ, Audrey Horbett, Bradley Lown, Belle & Nat Minsley and David Wilcove.

#### Shorebird Color Marking

In 1976 the Canadian Wildlife Service will again be carrying out extensive banding and color marking of shorebirds in James Bay. Much valuable information on migration routes is being obtained and observers are again asked to look out for and report any color dyed or color banded shorebirds that they may see. Reports should include details of species, place, date, color marks and, if possible, notes on the numbers of other shorebirds present. For color-dyed birds, please record the color and parts of the bird that were dyed. For color bands and standard metal leg bands, please record which leg the bands were on, the colors involved and the relative position of the bands if more than one was on a leg (e.g. right leg, blue over metal, etc.) All reports will be acknowledged and should be sent to Dr. R.I.G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31 Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0H3.

#### Color-marked Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers

In 1976 and 1977 the Surinam Forest Service plans to color-band large numbers of Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers along the Surinam coast, northeastern South America. The objective of this study is to obtain more information about the origin of the birds visiting Surinam and about their migration routes to and from this country. All birds will be banded above the tarsus ("knee") with one standard aluminum U.S.F. & W.S. band and two orange colored bands of about the same size as the aluminum band. Should you see any of these birds, please write to Arie L. Spaana, Surinam Forest Service, P.O. Box 436, Paramaribo, Surinam, South America, mentioning species, place and date of sighting, the position of the aluminum and color bands (left or right, and if more than one band is on a leg, which band is above and which below), and number of color-banded birds involved.

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In addition to our new date guide, the Society also has new checklists for field use, updating the number of species likely to be seen and the new vernacular names adopted by the A.O.U. for some birds. These are available free of charge for members of the B.O.S. or can be purchased at two copies for five cents by non-members from the Society's librarian. Revised verification forms to write up descriptions of birds requiring such treatment are also available free of charge to all.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- July 10th: Joint field trip. We will be the guests of the Genesee Ornithological Society in a field trip to the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge in Orleans and Genesee counties for summer birds and other wildlife. We will meet the G.O.S. people at 7:00 a.m. at the entrance to the Swallow Hollow Trail on the Knowlesville Road.
- July 24th: Field day for B.O.S. members and friends at the cottage of Frances Rew on Lewis Road in the Town of Charlotte in Chautauqua County. Bring picnic lunch or picnic supper as all are welcome after 1:00 p.m. for an afternoon of birding or whatever. Refer to coordinates B-17-section #21 of your B.O.S. territory map folder for the location of the cottage. Take N.Y. Rte. 60 south to Cassadaga; turn left at the Catholic Church in that community onto Cassadaga Road and proceed approximately six miles to the first hardtop road you will encounter, Rood Road; turn right on Rood Road and proceed 1 3/4 miles to Cook Road - turn left at maroon barn and drive to the top of the hill where you turn right on Lewis Road. Fran's cottage is the only dwelling on the road.  
P.S. Anyone wishing to camp overnight is welcome!
- August 1st: Old Times Beach in Buffalo Harbor for migrating shorebirds. We will meet at the entrance to the area on Fuhrmann Boulevard west of the skyway, just before the entrance to the Coast Guard station at 7:30 a.m. Note: If our intelligence reports indicate the north shore of Lake Erie is attractive to shorebirds at this time, the trip will continue to cover a few favorite haunts across the river. Call leader, Walter Klabunde, at 754-4424 for further details.

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## THE MONTH

May was cool and wet, the third wettest for this period in the records of the U.S. Weather Bureau. A total of 4.68 inches of rain, 1.71 above normal for the month, was recorded. The average temperature was 53.4°F, a departure of 1.7° below normal for the period and only 46% of possible sunshine was recorded. (Meteorological data as recorded at Buffalo International Airport.)

In spite of the dirty weather, or perhaps because of it, May was a banner month for bird watchers in this area as a glance at the noteworthy records will indicate. Unfortunately, many of the records of unusual migrants seen are not printed here because of lack of write-ups when indicated or failure to submit them to the compiler before the due date.

The increasing popularity of bird banding is adding a new dimension to our knowledge of the passage of rare and unusual birds through this area. On May 1st, a male Prothonotary Warbler was netted and banded at the station maintained by Jim Farrell on Swann Road in the town of Lewiston in Niagara County and Robert Sundell reports that two male Kentucky Warblers were banded on May 11th by Archie Richardson and his companions at the Burgeson Sanctuary near Jamestown in Chautauqua County. It was a notable month for records of rare and unusual passerines. The second Yellow-throated Warbler for the season was seen by several observers in the Village of Hamburg on the 7th and yet a third bird of this species was verbally reported by an experienced field observer, a few days later, at Mud Lake near Port Colborne, Ontario. A Kentucky Warbler was seen on the May Bird Count at Fort Erie, Ontario and Yellow-breasted Chats were more in evidence in all parts of the study area than most field observers can remember.

A male Prothonotary Warbler was on territory, singing lustily, on the Knowlesville Road in the Iroquois National Wildlife most of the month. The bird

was easily seen by most observers but unfortunately, at month's end, there was no evidence of a female or nesting activity.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S., 1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	May	10	2 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark
	"	22	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Wilcove, et al.
	"	24	1 Alfred(Foster L.)	Brooks
	"	25	1 Bemus Pt.	Elderkin
	"	28	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Horned Grebe	"	2	3 4-MilCreek S.P.	Klabundes
	"	7	1 Belmont	Burtons
Double-crested Cormorant		5	1 Langford	Bourne
	"	7	2 Iroquois NWR	Heck, et al.
	"	16	3 Steamburg(Kinzua)	Happ, Gibson,
	"			Harrington
	"	22	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Wilcove, et al.
	"	22	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
* <u>Little Blue Heron</u>	"	1	1 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrles, et al.
	"	21	1 Frewsburg(Burgeson	
				Sanct. Elderkin, et al.
* <u>Cattle Egret</u>	"	29	1 Sherkston, Ont.	McKales, Andrle,
	"			et al.
	"	29	4 Welland, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
* Great Egret	"	7F	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	19	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	22	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
	"	23	1 Iroquois NWR	Wendling
Black-cr. Night Heron	"	1	1 4-Mi. Creek, S.P.	Klabundes
	"	6	2 Hamburg	Bourne
	"	10, 21	58, 64 Niagara Falls	Klabundes
	"	22	2 Tifft Farm	Andrle, et al.
	"	28	1 Newstead	Freeland
Least Bittern	"	16	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich

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Whistling Swan	May	5-20	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	9	2 Iroquois NWR area	Klabundes
<u>White-fronted Goose</u>	"	4	3 Newstead Sinks	Hess, Happ, Harrington, Schwartz, et al.
Gadwall	"	5,26	4,3 Times Beach	Freeland
"	"	25,26	5,3 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	28	22 Mohawk Is., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Green-winged Teal	"	18	1 Times Beach	Freeland
"	"	24	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	30	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
"	"	30	1 Tonawanda WMA	Andrle, et al.
Redhead	"	5,18,26	15,12,13 Times Beach	Freeland
"	"	10	26 Times Beach	Clark
"	"	26L	9 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Canvasback	"	5	5 Times Beach	Freeland
"	"	12L	2 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Greater Scaup	"	22	2 Windmill Pt., Ont.	Wilcove, et al.
Lesser Scaup	"	5	10 Times Beach	Freeland
Common Goldeneye	"	2	10 4-Mi. Creek, S.P.	Klabundes
"	"	28	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Bufflehead	"	2	3 Dunkirk	Freelands
"	"	5	3 Amherst (SUNYAB)	Freeland
"	"	30	2 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
Oldsquaw	"	5	1 Times Beach	Freeland
"	"	22L	40 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
White-winged Scoter	"	1	2 Times Beach	Wilcove, McMichael
"	"	1,2	4,2 4-Mi. Creek, S.P.	Klabundes
"	"	2	1 Forest Lawn	Wilcove
"	"	2	1 Wendt Beach	Freelands
"	"	29L	1 Crescent Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Surf Scoter	"	1	1 Times Beach	Wilcove, McMichael, Andrle
"	"	12L	1 Bay View	Bourne
Ruddy Duck	"	5	3 Langford	Bourne
"	"	22	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
Red-breasted Merganser	"	2	1400 Dunkirk	Freelands
"	"	26	75 Niagara Falls	Freeland
Turkey Vulture	"	2,22	7,6 Youngstown	Klabundes
<u>Goshawk</u>	"	3,19,22	2 prs. Allegany Co.	Burtens
"	"	6,19,22	2 prs. Alfred	Brooks
"	"	22	1 Almond	Klingensmith, et al.
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	1,2,3	8,6,3 Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	5	1 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	9,10	2,1 Hamburg (Pinehurst)	Clark
"	"	10	1 Times Beach	Clark
"	"	11	1 Lewiston	Farrell
"	"	28	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick

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Cooper's Hawk	May	1,2	1,1 Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	21	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	21,27	1,1 Alfred	Brooks
Red-tailed Hawk	"	1,22	1,3 over Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	29	31 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark, Schaffner
Red-shouldered Hawk	"	3-30	5 prs. Alfred	Brooks
"	"	29	2 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark, Schaffner
Broad-winged Hawk	"	2	40 Youngstown	Klabundes
"	"	2	25 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
"	"	2	31 Allegany Rd.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	23	6 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	29	3 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark, Schaffner
Bald Eagle	"	1	1 imm. Frewsburg	
"	"	25	(Burgeson Sanct.)	Elderkin, et al.
"	"	30	1 imm. Greenhurst	Elderkin, et al.
Marsh Hawk	"	1	1 imm. Oak Orchard WMA	Andrle, et al.
"	"	29	2 over Youngstown	Klabundes
Osprey	"	1	1 over Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Clark
"	"	1	1 Allegany Rd.	Wilcove, McMichael
"	"	1,2,7	1 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
"	"	1,22	1 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	2	1,1 Lewiston	Farrell
"	"	8	1 Oakfield	Seamans
"	"	22	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	29	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
Peregrine Falcon	"	5	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
*Virginia Rail	"	2F	1 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Axtell
"	"	10	2 Iroquois NWR	Seamans
Sora	"	2	1 Frewsburg	
"	"	10	(Burgeson Sanct.)	Elderkins
*Semipalmated Plover	"	13F	2 Iroquois NWR	Seamans
*Black-bellied Plover	"	2F	1 Frewsburg	
*Ruddy Turnstone	"	8	(Burgeson Sanc.)	Elderkins
"	"	8	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
*Whimbrel	"	22F	1 Tonawanda WMA	McKales
"	"	22F	6 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	22F	10 S. Cayuga, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Solitary Sandpiper	"	21L	63 L. Erie Shore, Ont.	Wilcove, et al..
Greater Yellowlegs	"	2	12 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	29L	4 Akron	Carrol, Rebovich
White-rumped Sandpiper	"	17F	1 Newstead	Freeland
"	"	18	1 W. Almond	Burtens, M. Jordan
"	"	22	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	27	6 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"		6 Times Beach	Freeland
"	"		1 Prendergast	Elderkin, Cooney,
"	"			Pillsbury
"	"		14 Times Beach	Axtell

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*Least Sandpiper	May	9F	3 Iroquois NWR	Heck
"	"	10	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	18,26	30,15 Times Beach	Freeland
Dunlin	"	22	41 Prendergast	Elderkin, et al.
*Short-billed Dowitcher	"	10F	6 Times Beach	Foster
"	"	12	23 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
*Semipalmated Sandpiper	"	10F	3 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
Sanderling	"	28	5 Mohawk Is., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
*Wilson's Phalarope	"	24	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Glaucous Gull	"	21	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Caspian Tern	"	7	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	10	1 Times Beach	Clark
*Black Tern	"	4F	2 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	"	16	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck
"	"	24	1 E. Amherst	Freeland
*Black-billed Cuckoo	9F, 11	11	1, 1	Klingensmith
"	"	11	8 Darien	Seamans
*Whip-poor-will	"	22F	5 Wainfleet Bog, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Common Nighthawk	"	16	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck
Chimney Swift	"	29	68(mig.) Hamburg	
			(Pinehurst)	Clark, Schaffner
*Ruby-throated Hummingbird	10F	13	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	13	1 Alfred	Brooks
Red-bellied Woodpecker	25	30	1 nr. Clarence Ctr.	Freeland
"	"	30	2 Oak Orchard WMA	Andrle, et al.
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	9, 29	1 Rossburg	M. Pitzrick
"	"	26	5, 1 Hamburg (Pinehurst)	Clark
"	"	26	2 Crescent Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	30	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
Black-backed 3-toed Wood.	2, 11, 25		2 Delaware Park	McMichael
			1 N. Buffalo	McMichael,
				Wilcove
*Eastern Kingbird	5F	7	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
"	"	7	2 Belmont	Burtens
*Great Crested Flycatcher	7F	9	1 Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	9	1 Iroquois NWR area	Klabundes
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	15, 16	17	1 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	17	1 Eggertsville	McKales
*Acadian Flycatcher	14F	14F	1 nr. Clarence Ctr.	Freeland
*Willow Flycatcher	14F		1 Frewsburg	
"	"	23	(Burgeson Sanct.)	Elderkin
"	"	21	2 Amherst (SUNYAB)	Happ, et al.
Alder Flycatcher	"	2F	1 Newstead	Freeland
*Least Flycatcher	"	2F	1 E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	2F	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck
"	"	2F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	10	2 Amity	V. Pitzrick
*Eastern Wood Pewee	10F	14	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	"	14	1 Frewsburg	
			(Burgeson Sanc.)	Elderkin



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Olive-sided Flycatcher	May	28	1	Hamburg	Bourne
Bank Swallow	"	26	75	Times Beach	Freeland
Blue Jay	"	1,2	1,325;972	Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
"	"	9,10,29	3,024;383;377	Hamburg (Pinehurst)	Clark, et al.
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-31	2	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	12	1	Grand Is.	Klabundes
"	"	29	2	Erie Beach,Ont.	McMichael
Winter Wren	"	1	1	4-Mi.Creek S.P.	Klabundes
"	"	2	1	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	4,22,30	1,1,1	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	10-14	1	Frewsburg (Burgeson Sanct.)	Elderkin
"	"	22	1	Almond	Klingensmith, et al.
"	"	31	1	Alfred	Klingensmith
Carolina Wren	"	1-31	2	E.Pembroke	Seamans
"	"	1-31	2	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	9	1	Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	9	1	Alfred	Brooks
*Long-billed Marsh Wren	"	2F	1	Tonawanda WMA	McKales
"	"	5	2	Times Beach	Freeland
Short-billed Marsh Wren	"	22	2	Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	29	1	Eden	Bourne
Mockingbird	"	6,8	1,1	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	10	1	Tifft Farm	Clark
"	"	10	1	Belmont	Burtens
"	"	28	1	Buffalo	Brown
Gray Catbird	"	1F	1	Frewsburg (Burgeson Sanct.)	Elderkin
"	"	1F-31	1-10	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	2	1	Iroquois NWR	Olsen
*Swainson's Thrush	"	8F	1	E. Eden Pond	Bourne
"	"	15	2	Iroquois NWR	Heck
Gray-cheeked Thrush	"	20	1	Hamburg	Bourne
*Veery	"	6F	2	Frewsburg (Burgeson Sanct.)	Elderkin
"	"	7	1	Hamburg	Andrle,et al.
Eastern Bluebird	"	1-31	3	prs. Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	1-31	2	Amity Lake	Pitzricks,Graves
"	"	1	4	Frewsburg	Elderkin,et al.
"	"	4	2	Clarence	Freeland
"	"	18	1	E. Eden	Bourne
"	"	27	1	Alfred	Brooks
Golden-crowned Kinglet	"	17,19,21,27,30	1,1,6,6,2	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	22	3	Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	4	50	Grand Is.	Klabundes
"	"	28L	1	Alfred	Howe

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Water Pipit	May	22L	1 Prendergast	Elderkin, Pills-
* <u>White-eyed Vireo</u>	"	4F	1 Grand Is.	bury, Cooney
"	"	28	1 Tonawanda Ind. Res.	Klabundes
*Yellow-throated Vireo	"	6F	1 Eggertsville	Freeland
"	"	7	2 Hamburg Twp.	McKales
*Red-eyed Vireo	"	11F	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
"	"	11F	1 Hamburg	Morse
"	"	13	1 Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	"	14	1 Amity	Skrzypek
*Philadelphia Vireo	"	10F	1 Hamburg	V. Pitzrick
"	"	11	1 Lewiston	Skrzypek
Warbling Vireo	"	2	1 Spring Brook	Farrell
* <u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	"	1F	1 Lewiston	Danner
"	"	8	1 Iroquois NWR	Farrell
"	"	23	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Worm-eating Warbler	"	15	1 Holland	Wendling
*Golden-winged Warbler	"	8F-31	1-2 Amity	Beckers, Berlin
"	"	9	1 Iroquois NWR	V. Pitzrick
*Blue-winged Warbler	"	6F	1 E. Amherst	Heck
"	"	8-31	3-4 Amity	Freeland
*Brewster's Warbler	"	10F	1 Iroquois NWR	V. Pitzrick
"	"	29	1 Frewsburg	Morse
*Tennessee Warbler	"	6F	2 Williamsville	Elderkin, Cooney
"	"	7	1 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
*Orange-crowned Warbler	"	26L	1 Times Beach	Heck
*Northern Parula	"	6F	1 Eggertsville	Andrle, et al.
"	"	13	1 E. Eden	McKales
"	"	13	1 Tonawanda WMA	Bourne
*Magnolia Warbler	"	6F, 30	1, 10 Alfred	Carrol, Rebovich
"	"	6F	1 E. Amherst	Brooks
"	"	8	1 Amity	Freeland
"	"	8	1 Long Beach, Ont.	V. Pitzrick
*Cape May Warbler	"	2F	1 Tonawanda WMA	Andrle, et al.
"	"	7, 10, 11	1, 1, 1 Belmont	Rebovich
*Black-throated Blue Warb.	"	8F	1 Amity	Burtons
"	"	10	1 Hamburg	V. Pitzrick
"	"	10	1 E. Amherst	Bourne
"	"	10	3 Erie Beach, Ont.	Freeland
*Cerulean Warbler	"	11F	1 Tonawanda WMA	Klabundes
"	"	14, 25	5, 8 nr. Clarence Ctr.	Rebovich
*Blackburnian Warbler	"	1F	1 nr. Frewsburg	Freeland
"	"	2	1 Spring Brook	Elderkin, Pills-
"	"	2, 30	3, 10 Alfred	bury, Cooney
Yellow-throated Warbler	"	7	1 Hamburg	Danner
*Chestnut-sided Warbler	"	1F	1 Tonawanda WMA	Brooks
"	"	2	1 Lewiston	Andrle, et al.
*Bay-breasted Warbler	"	7F	1 Hamburg	Rebovich
"	"	10	1 Iroquois NWR	Farrell
				Andrle, et al.
				Morse

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Blackpoll Warbler	May	15	1 Delaware Park	Wendling
"	"	19	1 Hamburg	Bourne
Pine Warbler	"	2	1 Forest Lawn	Wilcove
"	"	2	1 Evans	Freelands
Palm Warbler	"	1,2	2,1 Lewiston	Farrell
"	"	23L	4 Spring Brook	Danner
Ovenbird	"	5	1 Eden	Bourne
Louisiana Waterthrush	"	30	2 Alfred	Brooks
*Mourning Warbler	"	10F	1 E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	14-31	1 nr.Clarence Ctr.	Freeland
*Common Yellowthroat	"	1F	1 Amity	Pitzricks
"	"	7	2 Amity	Burtens
"	"	7	1 Alfred	Klingensmith
*Yellow-breasted Chat	"	9F	1 Irving	Andrle, et al.
"	"	9F	1 Forest Lawn	Wilcove
"	"	10	1 Hamburg	Bourne
"	"	14	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
*Hooded Warbler	"	4F	1 Grand Is.	Klabundes
"	"	11	2 Frewsburg	
"	"		(Burgeson Sanct.)	Elderkin
*Wilson's Warbler	"	11F	1 Frewsburg	
"	"		(Burgeson Sanct.)	Elderkin.
"	"	22,24,25	1,2,1 Lewiston	Farrell
*Canada Warbler	"	11F	1 E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	14	1 Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich
*American Redstart	"	5F	1 Eden	Bourne
"	"	9	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
*Bobolink	"	1F	3 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Morse,
"	"	7	10 Belmont	Rebovich
"	"	7-31	1-25 Alfred	Burtens
Western Meadowlark	"	17	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Brooks
Northern Oriole	"	2	1 Amity	Freeland
*Scarlet Tanager	"	7F	1 Iroquois NWR	Pitzricks
"	"	9	3 Hamburg(Pinehurst)	Heck
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	"	2	1 Amity	Clark.
*Indigo Bunting	"	1F	1 (dead)Cheektowaga	V. Pitzrick
"	"	8,11,12	1 (dead)Cheektowaga	Freeland
"	"	11	1,2,2 Belmont	Burtens
"	"		1 Frewsburg	
"	"		(Burgeson Sanct.)	Elderkin
"	"	11	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck
Evening Grosbeak	"	7	150 Alfred	Klingensmith
"	"	23,25	6,2 Alfred	Brooks
House Finch	"	1-31	4-6 Eggertsville	McKales
"	"	15,17	2,1 Buffalo	Wilcove, et al.
Common Redpoll	"	1L	1 Williamsville	Freeland
Pine Siskin	"	1-31	12-2 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	17	6 Forest Lawn	Happ
"	"	17	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick

Red Crossbill	May 5,6,23,25,30	6,3,2,2,14	Alfred	Brooks
"	28	7	Lakewood	Elderkins
*Grasshopper Sparrow	" 4F	1	Eden	Bourne
Henslow's Sparrow	" 1	1	Amherst (SUNYAB)	Happ
Tree Sparrow	" 1-10L	1	Hamburg	Skrzypek
"	1-6,7	6-8	Belmont	Burtens
"	7	4	Amity Lake	Graves
White-crowned Sparrow	" 21-26L	2-4	Belmont	Burtens
White-throated Sparrow	" 8,31	50,4	Alfred	Klingensmith
"	21,27,30	4	prs. Alfred	Brooks
*Lincoln's Sparrow	" 5F	1	Times Beach	Freeland
"	11	1	Hamburg	Andrle, et al.
"	22L	6	L.Erie Shore, Ont.	Wilcove, et al.

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year	192
Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue	69
	(incl. 13 from May count)
Total for year	261

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

May Bird Count

compiled by Walter Klabunde

On May 15th and 16th over 250 B.O.S. members and friends of the society participated in our third two day May Bird Count. On the 15th the weather cooperated very nicely, however, on Sunday the 16th most areas experienced some rain particularly in the PM. This was most severe in the Lockport area where over two inches of precipitation occurred between 5 and 6 PM.

In all 208 species plus 1 hybrid were reported which has only been equaled two other years (1967 and 1970.) The numbers for 17 species were recorded in all time record highs. Two of these, namely, Blue Jays and Goldfinches were accounted for by local migrations groups observed near the south Lake Erie shore. Another 22 species were recorded in highest number for the past ten years. On the other side 1 species (Black Duck) were observed in record low numbers, while another 7 species were recorded in the lowest number in the past ten years. It is possible that more than half of the latter may have been due to the fact that Sections 1, 4 and 9 were not covered.

Table 1 gives the numbers of each species recorded. Those recorded in all time record numbers are denoted with H++, ten year highs are shown with H+ and lowest all time figure are designated with L-- and ten year lows with L-. When a species was only recorded in one or two sections these sections are shown in parenthesis after the number.

We are gratified by the large number of people that cooperated in this

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endeavor and in particular those that submitted verification write-ups where required.

The following tabulation shows the observers and compilers for each of the sections:

Sections and Observers (names of compilers are underlined)

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Fonthill, Ont.      | Not covered   |
| 2. Thorold, Ont.       | <u>R. Gardiner</u> and D. Gardiner  |
| 3. Wilson, N.Y.        | <u>H. &amp; W. Klabunde</u>   |
| 4. Middleport, N.Y.    | Not covered   |
| 5. Oak Orchard, N.Y.   | <u>J. Morse</u> , B. Heck, O.Olsen and W. Rebovich  |
| 6. Port Maitland, Crt. | <u>E. Williams</u>  |
| 7. Lowbanks, Ont.      | <u>M.L. Emerson</u> , M. Emerson and J. Braunberns  |
| 8. Fort Erie, Ont.     | <u>D. B. Freeland</u> , N. Bristol, S. Hager, T. Hager, P. Hanson<br>M. Johnson, L. Maier, M. Morgante, M. Morgante, C. Nicolas,<br>R. Nicolas, R. Nicolas, K..Romer, J. Sciolino and<br>C. Stokes, and E. Williams.    |
| 9. Grand Island, N.Y.  | Not covered.  |
| 10. Akron, N.Y.        | <u>A. Ulrich</u> and M. Lovelace  |
| 11. Buffalo, N.Y.      | <u>D. Wilcove</u> , S. King, D. McMichael, J. Rachlin and J. Stein.   |
| 12. Lancaster, N.Y.    | <u>M. Wendling</u> , A. Bauer, I. Bill, L. Coyle, F. & D. Danner,<br>R. Franz, P. Moore, G. Webster and C. Wolfling   |
| 13. Batavia, N.Y.      | <u>M. &amp; J. Mason</u> , R. & E. Hull, D. Keller, D. Kloss, B. LaPoint,<br>Mr. & Mrs. G. Mahaney, Mr. & Mrs. R. Pixley, Mr. & Mrs.<br>G. Salway, D. Thompson and D. Thureau.  |
| 14. Hamburg, N.Y.      | <u>T. Bourne</u> , A.M. & J. Bacon, Mrs. T. Bourne, Dr. and Mrs.<br>R. Leonard, A. & D. Pause and F. & E. Webb.   |
| 15. Java, N.Y.         | <u>D. &amp; D. Bigelow</u> , M. Bee, M. Buccieri, N. Bunting, L. & M.<br>Crone and J. Zablotny.   |
| 16. Angola, N.Y.       | <u>C. Millard</u> , C. Hendershot and M. Simpson  |
| 17. Cattaraugus, N.Y.  | <u>C. Frank</u> , A. Horbett and M. & M. Wendling, . . .  |
| 18. Delavan, N.Y.      | <u>D. &amp; J. Clark</u>  |
| 19. Fillmore, N.Y.     | <u>K. Palmer</u> , and many observers.  |
| 20. Dunkirk, N.Y.      | <u>F. Rew</u> , and L. Buck   |
| 21. Cherry Creek, N.Y. | <u>R. Sundell</u> , H. Andree, C. Beal, R. & J. Bohall, V. Brown,<br>E. Calahane, G. Caswell, O. & G. Carlson, C. & J. Freeman,<br>A. Hiller, L. Kibler, L. Moe, D. Pihlblad, K. Ponton,<br>C. Roby and D. & E. Sundell |
| 22. Sherman, N.Y.      | <u>R. Sundell</u> , D. Cooney, F. Elderkin, E. Pillsbury, E. Moe  |
| 23. Frewsburg          | <u>R. Sundell</u> , D. Cooney, F. Elderkin, D. Gulvin, C. Morse<br>E. Pillsbury, A. Richardson, M. Scott, R. Sundell and<br>R. Wilcox   |

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Sections and Observers, cont.

24. Allegany State Pk. D. Happ, E. Gibson and J. Harrington
25. Allegany, N.Y. J. & M. Forness, D. & J. Aceti, D. Baker, E. & P. Coyle,  
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Mrs. A. Ahrens, D. Babcock, F. & D. Bayliss, D. & L. Brink,  
V. Brown, G. Buckley, B. & C. Burdick, D. Burdick, L. & D.  
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M. Fuller, H. Graves, F. & B. Heller, G. & C. James,  
M. Jordan, C. Klingensmith, R. & V. Macauley, C. MacDonald,  
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Table I

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>
Common Loon	7 L-	Mallard	420 H+
Horned Grebe	7	Black Duck	5 L--
Pied-billed Grebe	17	Gadwall	25 (5,11)
D.-crest. Cormorant	6 (6,24)	Pintail	8 (3,10)
Gr. Blue Heron	261 H+	Green-w. Teal	13
Green Heron	108	Blue-w. Teal	63 L-
Bl.-cr. Night Heron	21 (2,23)	Amer. Wigeon	18 (5,11)
*Least Bittern	2 (2,11)	Nor. Shoveler	3 (10)
Amer. Bittern	14	Wood Duck	94
Mute Swan	1 H++(25)	Redhead	17 H+
Whistling Swan	2 (11,13)	Canvasback	1 (7)
Canada Goose	292	Greater Scaup	8

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May Bird Count-Table I cont.

Species	Number	Species	Number
Lesser Scaup	23	Herring Gull	271
Com. Goldeneye	1 (7)	Ring-b. Gull	1566
Bufflehead	13 (22,26)	Bonaparte's Gull	89
Oldsquaw	3 (2,20)	Common Tern	130 L-
White-w. Scoter	2 (2,8)	Black Tern	38
Ruddy Duck	7	Rock Dove	829
Hooded Merganser	8	Mourning Dove	924
Red-br. Merganser	126	*Yellow-b. Cuckoo	6
Turkey Vulture	76	Black-b. Cuckoo	38
Goshawk	2 (26)	Screech Owl	5 (3,15)
Sharp-sh. Hawk	9	Great Horned Owl	19
Cooper's Hawk	19	Barred Owl	6
Red-tailed Hawk	198	*Common Nighthawk	24 H+
Red-should. Hawk	43	Chimney Swift	442
Broad-wing. Hawk	17	Ruby-T. Hummingbird	61
Bald Eagle	2 (5,21)	Belted Kingfisher	123
Marsh Hawk	14	Common Flicker	616
Osprey	8	Pileated Woodpecker	27
Amer. Kestrel	111 H++	Red-bellied Woodpecker	22 H++
Ruffed Grouse	37	Red-headed Woodpecker	75
Bobwhite	1 (5)	Yellow-b. Sapsucker	12
Ring-n. Pheasant	111 L-	Hairy Woodpecker	161
Turkey	19	Downy Woodpecker	355 H+
Virginia Rail	11 H+	Eastern Kingbird	395
Sora	12	Gr. Crest. Flycatcher	210
Common Gallinule	21	Eastern Phoebe	353
American Coot	74 H++	*Yellow-b. Flycatcher	2 (8,12)
Semipalm. Plover	15	Willow Flycatcher	6
Killdeer	784 H++	*Alder Flycatcher	1 (12)
Black-bell. Plover	8 H+ (8,23)	(Traill's Flycatcher)	7
Amer. Woodcock	44	Least Flycatcher	225
Common Snipe	49 H+	E. Wood Pewee	57
Upland Sandpiper	11	*Olive-s. Flycatcher	2 (11,26)
Spotted Sandpiper	197	Horned Lark	98 L-
Solitary Sandpiper	32	Tree Swallow	896
Greater Yellowlegs	6	Bank Swallow	839
Lesser Yellowlegs	2 (22)	Rough-w. Swallow	203
Pectoral Sandpiper	15	Barn Swallow	2398
W.-rump. Sandpiper	2 (22)	Cliff Swallow	68
Least Sandpiper	45	Purple Martin	1168
Dunlin	7 (7,11)	Blue Jay	2073 H++
Short-b. Dowitcher	4 (11)	Common Crow	1592
Semipalm. Sandpiper	16 (6,22)	Black-c. Chickadee	755
*Sanderling	1 (21)	Tufted Titmouse	25
Ruddy Turnstone	5 L-	White-br. Nuthatch	215
Gr. Black-b. Gull	13 (20)		

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May Bird Count - Table I cont.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>
Red-br. Nuthatch	40	Bay-br. Warbler	73
Brown Creeper	18	Blackpoll Warbler	23
House Wren	754 H++	<u>Pine Warbler</u>	1 H++
Winter Wren	18	Palm Warbler	4
Carolina Wren	12 H+	Ovenbird	221 H+
Long-b. Marsh Wren	11	Nor. Waterthrush	19
* Short-b. Marsh Wren	3 (23)	La. Waterthrush	3 (23,25)
Mockingbird	6	* Kentucky Warbler	1 H+(8)
Catbird	1024	Mourning Warbler	21
Brown Thrasher	145	Com. Yellowthroat	770 H++
Robin American	6559	Yellow-br. Chat	6
Wood Thrush	520	Hooded Warbler	10
Hermit Thrush	29	Wilson's Warbler	23
Swainson's Thrush	50	Canada Warbler	33
* Gray-sh. Thrush	7	American Redstart	312
Veery	132	House Sparrow	3860
Eastern Bluebird	99	Bobolink	1122
Bl.-gr. Gnatcatcher	20	D. Meadowlark	736
Golden-cr. Kinglet	13	* W. Meadowlark	1 (10)
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	51	Red-w. Blackbird	10967
Cedar Waxwing	115	Northern Oriole	1388 H++
Starling	7402	Rusty Blackbird	20
White-eyed Vireo	1 H++(10)	Common Grackle	8606
Yellow-thr. Vireo	24 H+	Brown-h. Cowbird	1889
Solitary Vireo	38	Scarlet Tanager	233
Red-eyed Vireo	469 H+	Cardinal	884 H++
Philadelphia Vireo	11	Rose-br. Grosbeak	756 H++
Warbling Vireo	194 H+	Indigo Bunting	306 H+
Bl.-&-w. Warbler	49	* Dickcissel	1 (20)
Prothonotary Warbler	3 (5)	Evening Grosbeak	578 H++
Golden-w. Warbler	60 H+	Purple Finch	344 H++
Blue-w. Warbler	114 H+	House Finch	8 H++
"Brewster's" Warbler	1 (23)	Pine Siskin	49
Tennessee Warbler	220 H+	American Goldfinch	5843 H++
Nashville Warbler	120	Rufous-s. Towhee	475
Northern Parula	7	Savannah Sparrow	282
Yellow Warbler	1883	Grasshopper Sparrow	22 H+
Magnolia Warbler	138	Henslow's Sparrow	18
Cape May Warbler	64	Vesper Sparrow	47 L-
Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	60	Dark-eyed Junco	192 H+
Yellow-r. Warbler	243	Chipping Sparrow	1215
Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	285	Field Sparrow	514
Cerulean Warbler	7	Wh.-cr. Sparrow	627 H+
Blackburnian Warbler	187 H+	Wh.-thr. Sparrow	192
Chestnut-s. Warbler	254		



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May Bird Count -Table I, cont.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>
Fox Sparrow	1 (28)	Swamp Sparrow	148
Lincoln's Sparrow	3 (6,8)	Song Sparrow	2354

Total Species 207 + 1 Hybrid, total individuals 87,622.

\* - first record for year

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#### NOTES

#### An apparent nesting attempt of the Red-headed Woodpecker in an urban park

A pair of red-headed woodpeckers, first seen on May 2, 1976 in Delaware Park, in North Buffalo, apparently made an unsuccessful attempt at nesting. On May 23rd I saw the pair in the immediate area of a freshly drilled hole in a tall stump of a northern red oak along the north side of a baseball diamond. On May 30th one bird rested within the hole with its bill and part of its red head protruding. I heard the other bird chattering in the area. David Wilcove and I independently saw the birds on several other occasions during May and early June. On June 5th during a noisy morning baseball game, both birds flew onto the stump above the hole. One pecked aimlessly on top of the stump and then both flew away. Neither bird has been seen since.

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#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month in the Society's clubroom in the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

September 8th: Summer birding experiences of members. Also an open discussion of the future of the B.O.S. as an affiliate of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences.

#### PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

September 17 - 19: Weekend hawk watch at 'Hawk Cliff' Port Stanley, Ontario. This is a joint field trip with the Genesee Ornithological Society. We will make Maple Leaf Motel on Highway #3 in St. Thomas, Ontario our headquarters and rendezvous point.

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Sept. 17-19, cont. Write to the Maple Leaf Motel at the above address (postal zone N5P-357) or telephone 1-519-631-6580 for reservations. For directions to Hawk Cliff from the motel, write or call our leader, Walter Klabunde, at 754-4424.

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## THE MONTH

June was cloudy, wet and warm. The wettest six month period in the annals of weather recording in the Buffalo area ended in June. The average temperature for the month was  $68.4^{\circ}\text{(F)}$ ,  $2.7^{\circ}$  above normal for the period. The highest temperature of the year at Buffalo,  $89^{\circ}\text{(F)}$  was recorded on the 14th. Precipitation measured 3.36 inches for the month, a departure of 1.13 inches above the norm. There were tornado-like winds and heavy hail storms throughout the area on June 30th. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The writer is pleased to report that field activity in the Southern Tier counties of our study area has made this June an especially noteworthy month in increasing our knowledge of the breeding birds of the high plateau regions. I was privileged to be one of a party of birders accompanying Robert Sundell on June 24th when he discovered a singing male Lawrence's Warbler in a brushy area near the Alleghany Reservoir in South Valley Township in Cattaraugus County. This bird, the most uncommon of the two presumed hybrids resulting from interbreeding of the Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers, was formerly known as a very rare transient in Western New York and thought to be a breeding 'species' only in the extreme southeastern portion of the state. The discovery of an adult male of this type, in breeding plumage and evidently on territory, several hundred miles to the west, was an occasion of great joy to those present when Sundell made his remarkable find in the course of trying for a glimpse of the bird he had heard singing a characteristically Blue-wing song. On this trip we also observed an adult male Prairie Warbler in full song in a field of young pine trees in Carroll Township in Chautauqua County. At the time the consensus was that this bird was unmated as no trace of a female or young birds could be found. Two days later, however, Patricia and Robert Andrie revisited the area and two more birds, young of the year, were observed. Other highlights of the field trip on June 24th were an Acadian Flycatcher and a pair of White eyed Vireos on the Sawmill Run Road in South Valley Township.

Several observations of Evening Grosbeaks in the Southern Tier Counties

in June were reported. Elsewhere in these pages, a communication from John Forness describing young of the year with adult birds of this species in Cattaraugus County is indicative of successful nesting. In Allegany County, Elizabeth Brooks observed three Evening Grosbeaks on June 15th, flying over a stand of evergreens in the Phillips Creek State Forest. Other interesting summer residents reported by Mrs. Brooks as the result of field work in June include Yellow-rumped Warblers in a Scotch Pine plantation at Foster Lake where as many as seven territorial males were counted. A pair of Prairie Warblers was seen and heard in a large Scotch Pine Christmas Tree plantation near Alfred and a flock of twelve Red Crossbills was observed in the Alfred area on June 11th. Spruce plantings on the state reforestation land in this vicinity proved attractive to Golden-crowned Kinglets and as many as twelve pairs, presumed to be breeding birds, were seen throughout the month.

Other interesting records for the month include a very late Rough-legged Hawk seen at Ridgeway, Ontario on June 3rd by Harold Axtell, three Wilson's Phalaropes reported at the state Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area by Bill Rebovich on the 13th and both Worm-eating and Northern Parula Warblers reported by David Freeland from Allegany State Park on the 5th. The presence of both of these species in our study area at such a late date is intriguing. Sundell has heard singing male Parula Warblers in South Valley Township, just south of the State Park. The gathering of more definite information as to the status of this species as a breeding bird in western New York would make a fine summer project for society members next year.

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# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* -Indicates first record for the year
- F -Indicates first record for the migration
- L -Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) -Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable detailed written verification, according to the "Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario" (B.O.S.,1965) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the B.O.S.

Common Loon	June	6	1 Allegany S.P.	Sundell
	"	13	1 Allegany S.P.	Andrle, et al.
	"	30	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell
Black-crowned Night Heron		15	1 Tiffit Farm	Freeland
	"	24	1 Lewiston	Freeland
	"	26	1 Niagara-on-Lake,	
	"	26	Ont.	Freeland
Canada Goose	"	29	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Gadwall	"	<u>7-10, 29</u>	2-4, 1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>13</u>	15 Iroquois NWR area	Freeland

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Green-winged Teal	June	9,10,21,29	1-3 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	13	3 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
"	"	15	1 Times Beach	Freeland
American Wigeon	"	10,15,21	1-3 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	13	28 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
"	"	15	1 Tifft Farm	Freeland
"	"	15	3 Times Beach	Freeland
Lesser Scaup	"	7-10	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Common Goldeneye	"	9	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	10	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
Ruddy Duck	"	13	3 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
Red-breasted Merganser	"	2	1 Bemus Pt.	Sundell
"	"	2	1 Greenhurst	Sundell
"	"	24	45 Niagara Falls	Freeland
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	5,26,27	1,1,2 Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	"	17	2 Scio	Pitzricks
Cooper's Hawk	"	6	1 Salamanca	Freeland
Rough-legged Hawk	"	3	1 Ridgeway, Ont.	Axtell
Osprey	"	13	1 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
"	"	28-30	2-3 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
Virginia Rail	"	15	9 Tifft Farm	Freeland
White-rumped Sandpiper	"	2L	5 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Semipalmated Sandpiper	"	10L	6 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
Wilson's Phalarope	"	13	3 Tonawanda WMA	Reboviches
Great Black-backed Gull	"	29	11 Barcelona	Sundell
"	"	30	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
Bonaparte's Gull	"	2	2 Bemus Pt.	Sundell
"	"	10,15,21	1-2 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	6	2 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	18	1 Elma	Danner
"	"	18	1 Newstead	Freeland
"	"	20	3 Rossburg	V. Pitzrick
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	"	1,7	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Acadian Flycatcher	"	6	1 Pembroke	Andrle, et al.
"	"	18-30	1-2 So. Valley Twp.	Sundell, et al.
"	"	24,26	1 So. Valley Twp.	Andrle, et al.
Olive-sided Flycatcher	"	1	1 Carroll Twp.	Sundell
"	"	3	1 Nigh Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	6	1 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
Blue Jay	"	9	39 (mig.) Hamburg	
			(Pinehurst)	Clark
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-30	2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	1-30	2 prs. East Amherst	Freeland
"	"	17	2 Amherst	Freeland
"	"	25	1 Williamsville	Freeland
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	1	1 So. Valley Twp.	Sundell
"	"	15	1 Alfred	Brooks

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Brown Creeper	June	6	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	"	6	1 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
Winter Wren	"	13	6 Allegany S.P.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	13	1 Alfred	Brooks
Carolina Wren	"	1-30	2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	2	1 Williamsville	Freeland
"	"	13	1 Alfred	Brooks
Short-billed Marsh Wren	"	1	1 nr.Clarence Ctr.	Freeland
"	"	1-30	3 Stillwater	Sundell, et al.
"	"	2	2 No.Harmony Twp.	Sundell
"	"	6	1 Clarence	Wilcove, Rachlin, McMichael
"	"	9	1 Clarence	A. McKale, Reeves
"	"	24, 26	2-3 Kiantone Twp.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	28	1 Westfield Twp.	Sundell
Swainson's Thrush	"	13	1 Eggertsville	McKales
Eastern Bluebird	"	1-30	2-4 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	5	1 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
"	"	7	1 Alfred	Brooks
"	"	24	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	"	27	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	"	19	1 Iroquois NWR	Wilcove
Golden-crowned Kinglet	"	4-25	11 (max.) Alfred area	Brooks
"	"	5	3 ad.w/yg. Allegany	S.P. Freeland
"	"	11	2 Alexander Preserve	Rew, Henderson, Schwartz, Ulrich
"	"	13	10 Allegany S.P.	Anderle, et al.
"	"	13	6 McCarty Hill	Andrle, et al.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	15	1 Eggertsville	A. McKale
White-eyed Vireo	"	24, 26	2, 1 So. Valley Twp.	Andrle, et al.
Philadelphia Vireo	"	1L	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Black-and-White Warbler	"	4, 23	1, 1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	"	5	1 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
Prothonotary Warbler	"	13	3 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
"	"	19	1 Iroquois NWR	Wilcove
Worm-eating Warbler	"	5	1 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
"Brewster's" Warbler	"	1-24	1 Carroll Twp.	Sundell, et al.
"	"	4, 5	1, 1 Lancaster	Kikta
"	"	4	1 nr.Clarence Ctr.	Freeland
"	"	24, 26	2, 1 Carroll Twp.	Andrle, et al.
*"Lawrence's" Warbler	"	24, 26	1 So. Valley Twp.	Andrle, et al.
Tennessee Warbler	"	1-6L	2-3 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	6	1 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
Nashville Warbler	"	1-30	3 prs. Alfred area	Brooks
"	"	4	1 nr.Clarence Ctr.	Freeland
"	"	8	1 Amity	Burtens, Jordan, Healey
"	"	26	1 Oak Hill Rd.	Andrle, et al.

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Northern Parula	June	5	4 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
Cape May Warbler	"	<u>6</u> L	1 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
Yellow-rumped Warbler		<u>13</u>	1 McCarty Hill	Andrle, et al.
Blackpoll Warbler	"	<u>5</u> L	1 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
Pine Warbler	"	6	2 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
*Prairie Warbler	"	<u>24, 26</u>	1, 3 Carroll Twp.	Andrle, et al.
Yellow-breasted Chat		1-30	1 Onoville	Sundell, et al.
"		1-26	1 Carroll Twp.	Sundell, et al.
"		1-30	2 prs. Newstead	Freeland
"		5	1 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
"		20	1 Jamestown	Sundell
"		24, 26	2, 1 So. Valley Twp.	Andrle, et al.
Wilson's Warbler	"	4	1 Iroquois NWR	Heck, Olsen
*Orchard Oriole	"	<u>10</u>	1 Mohawk Pt., Ont.	Axtell
Common Grackle	"	9	98 (mig.) Hamburg	
			(Pinehurst)	Clark
Evening Grosbeak	"	6	3 Allegany S.P.	Freeland
"		<u>13</u>	2 Allegany S.P.	Andrle, et al.
"		<u>21</u>	1 Limestone	Van Scoy
House Finch	"	1-30	5-6 Eggertsville	McKales
"		16-30	3-4 Eggertsville	Hulls
Pine Siskin	"	<u>3, 4</u> L	1 Hamburg	P. Andrle
"		<u>4</u> L	1 Williamsville	Freeland
Red Crossbill	"	<u>5</u>	3 Allegany S.P.	Freeland

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 261

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 3

Total for year . . . . . 264

1976 NESTING RECORDS - I

Mallard	May	10	Ad. on 11 eggs (10 hatched June 1)	Williamsville	Mitchell
<u>Goshawk</u>	June	11	2 prs., 2 yg.	Alfred	Brooks
"	"	13	1 ad., 1 yg.	Almond	Burtens
"	"	13	1 ad., 1 yg.	Birdsall	Burtens
"	"	13	1 ad., 2 yg.	Belfast	Burtens
American Kestrel	"	21	2 ad., 1 yo.	Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	"	22	2 ad., 3 yo	Amity	V. Pitzrick
Ruffed Grouse	"	13	1 ad., 8 flgd. yg.	Ellery Ctr.	Sundell
"	"	28	1 ad., 7 yg.	Amity	V. Pitzrick
Killdeer	May	5	4 hatched	East Aurora	Samdahl
Black-capped Chickadee	June	1	2 ad., 3 3/4-grown yg.	So. Valley Twp.	Sundell
House Wren	"	29	2 ad., 3 yo	Amity	V. Pitzrick
Carolina Wren	"	27-30	2 ad., 4 yo	Barcelona	Sundell
Eastern Bluebird	"	26	2 ad., 5 yo	Amity Lake	Pitzricks
Blue-winged Warbler	"	22	8 ad., 2 yo	Amity	V. Pitzrick
Yellow Warbler	"	28	1 ad. w/ flgd. Cowbird	Amity	V. Pitzrick
Common Grackle	"	28	1 ad., fldg. yg.	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Evening Grosbeak	"	28	2 ad., 2 yo	Olean	Foxes



MINI-RUNS LIST 84 SPECIES IN ERIE COUNTY

By: David B. Freeland

The first B.O.S. effort to coordinate an Erie County breeding-bird census called the Mini-Run program attracted a full house of participants in 1976. All 12 of the 12-mile, 25-stop runs were conducted as planned. A total of 84 species was listed.

A Mini-Run is conducted over a predetermined automobile route in a fashion similar to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Survey's breeding bird program, but each Mini-Run is half as long as the federal counterpart. Stops are made every half-mile, and all birds heard or seen in three minutes are noted. The Mini-Runs were to be conducted between June 12-26, beginning at 5:10 a.m. under optimum birding conditions.

The 1976 program was the first in a five-year study in Erie County to determine population trends and to substantiate other scientific data. The summaries reveal some interesting (and often predictable) statistics:

1. Most abundant species in Erie County seem to be Red-winged Blackbird (876 individuals recorded on the 12 Mini-Runs), Starling (719), Common Grackle (595), American Robin (474) and House Sparrow (420).
2. Most frequently encountered on the Mini-Runs were American Robin (on 215 of 300 stops), Red-winged Blackbird (185), Song Sparrow (171), Common Grackle (152) and Starling (144).
3. High counts for individual Mini-Runs included Common Crow (53 individuals on 23 stops on Mini-Run J), American Robin (63-21-B), Starling (158-24-A), House Sparrow (121-20-C), Red-winged Blackbird (182-24-A) and Common Grackle (158-21-E).
4. High frequency figures for individual Mini-Runs included Common Crow (23 of 25 stops on Mini-Run J), American Robin (23-E and 23-K), Starling (24-A), Red-winged Blackbird (24-A and 23-J) and Song Sparrow (23-B).
5. Some of the more unusual other high-frequency figures included Ring-billed Gull (49-14-A), Eastern Kingbird (7-4-L), Willow Flycatcher (9-7-B), Purple Martin (48-10-A), House Wren (18-11-E), Bobolink (19-9-J), Eastern Meadowlark (30-15-J), Indigo Bunting (15-13-K) and Savannah Sparrow (21-11-J).
6. Highest species counts were on Mini-Run K (Zoar Valley from Concord to Collins) with 58 species, and Mini-Run J (Boston to North Collins) with 51. Mini-Run A (Grand Island) listed 765 individual birds, and Mini-Run D (Clarence to Newstead) totaled 668.

7. Most notable observations included Black-crowned Night Heron (Mini-Run A), American Bittern (K), Common Gallinule (D), Upland Sandpiper (J), Red-headed Woodpecker (G), Magnolia Warbler (K), and Dark-eyed Junco (K).

8. Most notable by their absence on all lists were the nocturnal species (Screech Owl and other owls, American Woodcock, etc.), Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Hairy Woodpecker, Rough-winged Swallow, Mockingbird, Golden-winged Warbler and Vesper Sparrow.

The Mini-Runs were conducted over a broad spectrum of Erie County habitats in all geographical sections. Rural, urban, suburban, woodland and waterfront habitats were included in approximate relative relationship to their abundance within Erie County.

Thanks to all observers and assistants who cooperated to make the 1976 inaugural of the Erie County Mini-Run effort so successful:

<u>MINI-RUN (AREA)</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>
A (Grand Island)	Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde
B (Amherst-Clarence)	Dave Freeland	none
C (Kenmore-Cheektowaga)	Robert Wagner	none
D (Clarence-Newstead)	Marie Wendling	none
E (Hamburg-Evans)	Marcy Foster	Patricia Andrle
F (Hamburg-Orchard Park)	Marian Crone	Lincoln Crone
G (Elma-Lancaster)	Ann Bauer	none
H (Wales-Marilla)	Stanley King	Jane King
I (Evans-Brant)	Marian Simpson	Rosemary Daniels
J (Boston-North Collins)	Robert Andrle	Patricia Andrle
K (Concord-Collins)	Frances Rew	Pauline Schwartz
L (Sardinia-Colden)	Peter Matlock	Lois Matlock

Complete statistics of the 1976 Mini-Runs follows, including averages for number of individuals per Mini-Run, stops recorded per Mini-Run and number of individuals per stop for the 12 Mini-Runs:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>TOTAL STOPS</u>	<u>TOTAL RUNS</u>	<u>IND'S/ RUN</u>	<u>STOPS/ RUN</u>	<u>IND'S STOP</u>
Great Blue Heron	2	2	2 (J,K)	.17	.17	.007
Green Heron	2	2	2 (D,J)	.17	.17	.007
Black-crowned Night Heron	2	1	1 (A)	.17	.08	.007
American Bittern	1	1	1 (K)	.08	.08	.003
Canada Goose	10	1	1 (A)	.83	.08	.033
Mallard	9	5	4	.75	.42	.030
Wood Duck	2	1	1 (D)	.17	.08	.007
Red-tailed Hawk	4	3	3	.33	.25	.013
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	1	1 (J)	.08	.08	.003
American Kestrel	4	3	2 (J,K)	.33	.25	.013

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<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>TOTAL STOPS</u>	<u>TOTAL RUNS</u>	<u>IND'S/ RUN</u>	<u>STOPS/ RUNS</u>	<u>IND'S/ STOP</u>
Ring-necked Pheasant	21	20	8	1.75	1.67	.070
Common Gallinule	1	1	1 (D)	.08	.08	.003
Killdeer	35	30	11	2.92	2.50	.117
Upland Sandpiper	1	1	1 (J)	.08	.08	.003
Spotted Sandpiper	6	6	4	.50	.50	.020
Herring Gull	6	4	1 (A)	.50	.33	.020
Ring-billed Gull	49	14	1 (A)	4.08	1.17	.163
Rock Dove	66	19	8	5.50	1.58	.220
Mourning Dove	158	109	12	13.17	9.08	.527
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4	3	3	.33	.25	.013
Black-billed Cuckoo	4	4	4	.33	.33	.013
Common Nighthawk	4	3	1 (C)	.33	.25	.013
Chimney Swift	20	6	3	1.67	.50	.067
Belted Kingfisher	4	4	4	.33	.33	.013
Common Flicker	18	18	8	1.50	1.50	.060
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	1	1 (G)	.08	.08	.003
Downy Woodpecker	7	7	4	.58	.58	.003
Eastern Kingbird	17	14	8	1.42	1.17	.057
Great Crested Flycatcher	7	7	5	.58	.58	.023
Eastern Phoebe	12	12	4	1.00	1.00	.040
Willow Flycatcher	22	17	5	1.83	1.42	.073
Alder Flycatcher	4	3	2 (B,J)	.33	.25	.013
Least Flycatcher	11	11	4	.92	.92	.037
Eastern Wood Pewee	21	19	7	1.75	1.58	.070
Horned Lark	1	1	1 (J)	.08	.08	.003
Tree Swallow	5	2	2 (D,H)	.42	.17	.017
Bank Swallow	11	4	3	.92	.33	.037
Barn Swallow	77	40	11	6.42	3.33	.257
Purple Martin	73	23	3	6.08	1.92	.243
Blue Jay	22	20	11	1.83	1.67	.073
Common Crow	164	89	11	13.67	7.42	.547
Black-capped Chickadee	19	12	7	1.58	1.00	.063
Tufted Titmouse	2	2	1 (B)	.17	.17	.007
White-breasted Nuthatch	4	3	2 (B,K)	.33	.25	.013
House Wren	77	59	10	6.42	4.92	.257
Carolina Wren	2	2	1 (E)	.17	.17	.007
Gray Catbird	73	63	10	6.08	5.25	.243
Brown Thrasher	6	6	4	.50	.50	.020
American Robin	474	215	12	39.50	17.92	1.580
Wood Thrush	28	22	7	2.33	1.83	.093
Veery	7	5	2 (B,K)	.58	.42	.023
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	1	1 (K)	.08	.08	.003
Cedar Waxwing	17	10	7	1.42	.83	.057
Starling	719	144	12	59.92	12.00	2.397

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Yellow-throated Vireo	3	3	2 (B,K)	.25	.25	.010
Red-eyed Vireo	38	32	8	3.17	2.67	.127
Warbling Vireo	17	16	6	1.42	1.33	.057
Blue-winged Warbler	6	6	1 (K)	.50	.50	.020
Yellow Warbler	139	85	11	11.58	7.08	.463
Magnolia Warbler	1	1	1 (K)	.08	.08	.003
Chestnut-sided Warbler	3	3	2 (F,K)	.25	.25	.010
Common Yellowthroat	38	33	8	3.17	2.75	.127
Hooded Warbler	1	1	1 (K)	.08	.08	.003
American Redstart	3	3	3	.25	.25	.010
House Sparrow	420	91	11	35.00	7.58	1.400
Bobolink	48	25	7	4.00	2.08	.160
Eastern Meadowlark	84	58	11	7.00	4.83	.280
Red-winged Blackbird	876	185	12	73.00	15.42	2.920
Northern Oriole	41	38	9	3.42	3.17	.137
Common Grackle	595	152	12	49.58	12.67	1.983
Brown-headed Cowbird	67	38	9	5.58	3.17	.223
Scarlet Tanager	3	3	2 (J,K)	.25	.25	.010
Cardinal	92	77	12	7.67	6.42	.307
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	16	15	5	1.33	1.25	.053
Indigo Bunting	33	28	7	2.75	2.33	.127
Purple Finch	6	3	2 (F,I)	.50	.50	.020
American Goldfinch	95	51	12	7.92	4.25	.317
Rufous-sided Towhee	14	13	6	1.17	1.08	.047
Savannah Sparrow	69	42	10	5.75	3.50	.230
Grasshopper Sparrow	5	3	2 (B,K)	.42	.25	.017
Dark-eyed Junco	1	1	1 (K)	.08	.08	.003
Chipping Sparrow	75	54	10	6.25	4.50	.250
Field Sparrow	35	32	9	2.92	2.67	.117
Song Sparrow	286	171	12	23.83	14.25	.953
TOTALS	5438	300	12	453.17	25.00	18.127

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NOTES

Notice of Annual Meeting of  
BUFFALO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Buffalo Ornithological Society, Inc., a New York corporation, will be held at Buffalo Trap and Field

Annual Meeting, cont.

Club, Cayuga and Phillips Roads, Cheektowaga, New York, on Wednesday the 13th of October 1976 at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may come before the meeting including the fixing of dues and election of officers for the ensuing year and the election of members of the Council to fill any vacancies that may exist on that date.

Anna M. Bauer, Secretary

#### Long-billed Marsh Wren Abundance at Tifft Farm Postulated

(NOTE: "Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region" by Beardslee and Mitchell, (B.S.N.S., 1965) lists maxima for Long-billed Marsh Wren of 154 in 1953 and 80 in both 1948 and 1954, all on B.O.S. May Counts. This year's May Count listed but 11 Long-billed Marsh Wrens. The data are quite variable.)

How common are marsh birds? The answer to that population question is one of the more challenging in ornithology, owing to the secrecy of many marsh inhabitants and the difficulty of moving about in the uncertain footing so often encountered in marshes. Yet the answer holds the key to one of the most important environmental statistics of our day, as the steady loss of fresh- and salt-marsh habitat takes an obvious, but not completely proven, toll on marsh bird populations.

What about Long-billed Marsh Wrens? The note beginning this article begs questions. Are Long-billed Marsh Wrens declining in numbers? Does the 1976 May Count figure simply indicate the result of weather-delayed migration? What is the true picture of freshwater marsh habitat in Western New York? Data from hobbyist birders can contribute to research of these questions.

It might be of some interest, then, to note the results of a two-hour tour about the limits of Tifft Farm Nature Preserve's 75-acre freshwater marsh on June 15, 1976. The time was 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. on a sunny, humid day that would be very sultry by mid-morning. Long-billed Marsh Wrens were singing in earnest, allowing a fairly close estimate of that species' population at that location. Using some care to avoid duplication, I counted 54 singing male Long-billed Marsh Wrens. Considering the oblong shape of the Tifft Farm marsh and the distance over which the wrens' songs carried, I determined that approximately three-quarters of the total marsh could be covered by listening carefully as one walked its edge. Therefore, it was assumed that the main Tifft marsh contained a population of roughly 70 singing male Long-billed Marsh Wrens. Smaller numbers elsewhere on the Preserve would raise the area's total to perhaps 75 singing males.

Using these raw data and applying a few postulations, some interesting census statistics are generated. For example, assume the possibility of two females for every three males, two matings per year for each female, a clutch of five eggs for each mating, and a fledgling success rate of 25 percent...all reasonable approximations given available scientific data. By August there could be nearly 250 Long-billed Marsh Wrens alive and well at Tifft! They would be outnumbered only by Red-winged Blackbirds and, possibly, Ring-necked Pheasants.

Long-billed Marsh Wren Abundance at Tifft Farm, cont.

Yet most of us know newcomers to birding who have never seen a Long-billed Marsh Wren! Of course, the loss of an excellent marsh habitat such as Tifft Farm Nature Preserve would surely mean the complete loss of one of the few large populations in Western New York of this local breeding species. The conservation ethic for Tifft Farm and other biologically productive freshwater marshes becomes ever more obvious.

For the record, Tifft Farm Nature Preserve's rail population would make an excellent census subject. I heard or saw 9 Virginia Rails and 2 Soras (plus 2 Common Gallinules, a Black-crowned Night Heron and a Least Bittern) on June 15, but the total population of the secretive Rallidae is certainly much higher.

My personal appreciation is extended to Bob Andrie for his critical comments on this article.

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Some Observations of Cattle Egrets in Niagara Falls, Ontario

On June 23rd, 1976 I observed two Cattle Egrets (Bubulcus ibis) in a cow pasture across the Niagara Parkway from Navy Island in the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario. On several visits to the area since that date, I have not seen the birds although two and sometime three birds have been seen in the vicinity almost daily since the first week in April. In July it was reported in the local Niagara Falls (Ont.) newspaper that they were observed in a field by the water control dam at Chippawa.

The interesting thing about these particular birds was the apparent animosity to them exhibited by the cattle in the pasture. In conversations with several workmen on the farm I was informed that frequently the cows would chase the birds to rid them from the field, sometimes from one water trough to another. Often the farmer's helper would, hearing the animals mooing and complaining and, visiting the field to see what was disturbing them, find the egrets being chased by the cattle. As many as fifty gulls which also visited the field to feed were never disturbed. Apparently only the Cattle Egrets created the distress.

A tractor often passed within 10 or 12 feet of the birds without them taking flight and they were regarded as quite "tame" by the workmen.

It seems too bad that there is not more communication between the Niagara Falls (Ont.) Nature Club and the B.O.S. as I found no one who had seen these egrets or knew about their presence.

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Summer Occurrence of the Evening Grosbeak in Cattaraugus County

There have been several reports of sightings of the Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties in June and July, 1976. On June 7th, 1976 I observed an adult male Evening Grosbeak flying across the Haskell Road in Cuba, N.Y. carrying either nesting material or insect food, presumably to a nest. The bird flew into a plantation of White Pines, all between 30 and 40 feet in height. My wife, Mary, and I searched for a nest in this five acre plot to no avail.

On June 28th, I received a call from LaDorna Fox in Olean in Cattaraugus County, advising that four Evening Grosbeaks, one adult male, one adult female and two juvenal birds, with tufts of down on their heads, were seen at her feeder. On July 5th, I visited the Fox residence at 522 First Street in Olean and photographed the female and the two young birds. LaDorna and Roger Fox observed the birds daily from June 28th through July 7th. All of the sightings occurred at their residence on a city lot surrounded with trees and shrubs and several bird feeding stations. The female grosbeak was observed picking up seeds and feeding them to the young birds.

On July 1st, I received a call from Regina and Jim Van Scoy reporting an adult female Evening Grosbeak feeding two young out of the nest at their feeder on Nichols Run Road in Limestone, Carrollton Township, Cattaraugus County. These birds and a third bird of the year were seen daily from July 1st through July 11th. On July 3rd, one of the young birds was killed when it flew against a window at the Van Scoy residence and this specimen was given to the Department of Biology at St. Bonaventure University for its skin collection. Prior to the visitation by the female and young birds, an adult male Evening Grosbeak was seen at the feeder by Regina Van Scoy on June 21st. The Van Scoy residence is located on a dirt road in a heavily wooded rural area.

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PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month in the Society's clubroom in the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

September 22nd: Report on the Hawk Migration Conference held in Duluth, Minnesota, September 3rd through 6th, 1976 delivered by Walter Klabunde who was in attendance. Also we will plan October Bird Count.



October 13th: Annual Meeting. Election of officers and Council members to succeed those whose terms expire this year. This year we will meet at the Buffalo Trap and Field Club, Cayuga and Phillips Road, Cheektowaga, N.Y. and the meeting will be preceded by a banquet at the Club at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Our speaker for this annual meeting will be Dr. Robert F. Andrle of the Buffalo Museum of Science whose topic will be "Land and Wildlife in the Central Rocky Mountains", an illustrated lecture of the highlights of a three week birding vacation in Colorado and Wyoming this summer. All reservations for the banquet must be mailed to the Society's treasurer, Doris C. O'Malley, 760 Main Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14301 not later than October 1st, 1976.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

October 10th: October Bird Count. Leader to be announced. Call Walter Klabunde at 754-4424 for assignment of territory.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler, Mr. David B. Freeland, 60 Haymarket Square, East Amherst, New York 14051.

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## THE MONTH

July was decidedly unseasonable as cool, wet weather conditions persisted throughout the month. Temperatures were below average for seventeen out of the 31 days of the period. The average temperature for the month was  $67.8^{\circ}\text{(F)}$ ,  $2.3^{\circ}$  below normal. Rainfall measured 5.65 inches, a departure of 2.72 inches above the norm for the period. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The most notable ornithological event of the month, if not the year, was the discovery of a Spotted Redshank feeding in the company of several hundred other shorebirds at a waste impoundment behind a cannery at St. David's, Ontario on July 25th. It was apparently the first report of this European and Asiatic species for Ontario and the Niagara Frontier and only the fourth substantiated record for the North American continent. (See Notes, this issue.) St. David's is a small, rural community about five miles north of the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario in the Regional Municipality of Niagara. It has lately come to the attention of local birders because of the attractive feeding ground for migrating shorebirds created by the impoundment areas for waste water constructed for the use of a cannery located there. Lower water levels along the north shore of Lake Erie have made the shore more attractive to migrating shorebirds than in several seasons. Good numbers of birds were reported from favorite haunts along the north shore in July.

Other noteworthy records for the month include the continuing presence of a small flock of Cattle Egrets near Chippawa, Ontario (see Prothonotary, vol. 42:7, page 93), an early or wandering, non-breeding Dunlin at Times Beach in Buffalo Harbor on the 8th and four Evening Grosbeaks, including an adult bird and three young of the year at Belmont in Allegany County between the 13th and 20th.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* -Indicates first record for the year  
 F -Indicates first record for the migration  
 L -Indicates last record for the migration  
 (f) -Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable, detailed written verification according to the 'Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario' (B.O.S. 1976) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the Buffalo Ornithological Society.

Common Loon	July	15	1 Pt. Colborne, Ont.	Axtell
Horned Grebe	"	15	1 Windmill Pt. Ont.	Axtell
	"	25	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wilcove
Cattle Egret	"	<u>17-31</u>	2-5 Chippawa, Ont.	Sommerville
Great Egret	"	5	2 Iroquois NWR	McKales
	"	10	3 Iroquois NWR	Klabundes
	"	18	4 Tonawanda WMA	Freeland
	"	24	1 Burgeson Sanct.	Elderkin
<u>Mute Swan</u>	"	<u>27-30</u>	1 Times Beach	Clark, et al.
Canada Goose	"	24	80 Burgeson Sanct.	Elderkin
Gadwall	"	6	2 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	8	4 Times Beach	Freeland
	"	22	4 Times Beach	Schaffner
Green-winged Teal	"	5	6 Iroquois NWR	McKales
	"	9	2;3 Times Beach	Wilcove, Andrle, et al.
	"	21	1 Times Beach	Schaffner
	"	30	1 Times Beach	Clark
American Wigeon	"	6,10	1,2 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	22	5 Times Beach	Schaffner
Common Goldeneye	"	28	1 Lowbanks, Ont.	Axtell
Bufflehead	"	15	1 Pt. Abino, Ont.	Axtell
Hooded Merganser	"	30	2 Times Beach	Clark, Andrle, Foster
Red-breasted Merganser		1-31	1-3 L. Erie Shore, Ont.	Axtell
	"	17,22	2,1 Times Beach	Schaffner
	"	30	2 Times Beach	Clark, Andrle, Foster
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	1	1 Pembroke	Freeland
	"	5	1 Scio	V. Pitzrick
	"	8,10,24	1,1,1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
American Coot	"	22	8 Times Beach	Danner
Semipalmated Plover	"	16F,23	1,6 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
	"	18	1 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
Black-bellied Plover	"	28F	1 Times Beach	Wilcove, Hess
	"	30	2 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
Ruddy Turnstone	"	18F	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
	"	27	5 Rosehill Rd., Ont.	Wilcove

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Greater Yellowlegs	July	20F-31	1-3 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	22	1 Times Beach	Schaffner
Lesser Yellowlegs	"	5F	4 Iroquois NWR	McKales
"	"	6,9	1,20 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	22	39 Times Beach	Schaffner
"	"	26,31	30,6 St. Davids, Ont.	Klabundes
* Spotted Redshank	"	25	1 St. Davids, Ont.	Axtell, Black, et al.
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	26F	8 St. Davids, Ont.	Klabundes
* Baird's Sandpiper	"	18-24	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
Least Sandpiper	"	2F, 12, 14, 16, 24	1, 40, 70, 10, 3 Erie-Waverly Beaches, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	10	3 Times Beach	Andrle, Clark
Dunlin	"	8F	1 Times Beach	Freeland
Short-billed Dowitcher	"	9F	32 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	22	42 Times Beach	Schaffner
* Stilt Sandpiper	"	13F, 14	5, 6 Waverly Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	22	4 Times Beach	Schaffner
Semipalmated Sandpiper	"	14F	300 Waverly Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	22	30; 48 Times Beach	Danner; Schaffner
"	"	26, 31	75, 10 St. Davids, Ont.	Klabundes
Sanderling	"	17F	8 Erie-Waverly Beaches, Ont.	Axtell
Wilson's Phalarope	"	14	1 Waverly Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	25	1 St. Davids, Ont.	Axtell
Great-Black-backed Gull	"	1-31	2-9 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	4	1 Mohawk Is., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	4	1 Pt. Maitland, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Bonaparte's Gull	"	9	4 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	13, 17	6, 42 Erie-Waverly Beaches, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	22	65 Times Beach	Schaffner
Caspian Tern	"	4	4 Pt. Maitland, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	4	1 Mohawk Is., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	9	1 Times Beach	Clark
"	"	13	2 Times Beach	Wilcove
Black Tern	"	15	160 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	22	2 Times Beach	Danner
"	"	22	150 Grand Island	Schaffner, Clark
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	18	1 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
Red-headed Woodpecker	"	15	1 Pt. Colborne, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	23	1 Newstead	Freeland
"	"	28	1 Long Beach, Ont.	Axtell
Acadian Flycatcher	"	3	1 So. Valley Twp.	Andrle, et al.
Barn Swallow	"	27	63 (mig.) Amitty Lake	Pitzricks
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-31	2-4 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	1-31	2 prs. East Amherst	Freeland
"	"	24	3 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	30	1 Lewiston	Klabundes

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Carolina Wren	July	1-31	2-7 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	7-31	2 N. Buffalo	Wilcove
"	"	15	4 Crescent B.-	
			Windmill Pt., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	22	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
Mockingbird	"	28	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Axtell
Golden-crowned Kinglet	"	8	2 Eden	Andrle
"	"	8	2 N. Collins	Andrle
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	29	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Yellow-rumped Warbler	"	17, 18, 19	1, 1, 1 Alfred (Foster Lake)	Brooks
Yellow-breasted Chat	"	9	1 Newstead	Freeland
Evening Grosbeak	"	1-2	1 ad., 2 yo. Limestone	Van Scoys
"	"	5	2 ad., 2 yo. Olean	Forness
"	"	10	2 East Amherst	Freeland
"	"	13, 14-18, 20	1, lad., 2yo., lad., 3yo.	
			Belmont	Burtons
House Finch	"	1-31	8-10 Eggertsville	McKales
"	"	1-31	2 ad., 3 yo. Belmont	Burtons
"	"	13	1 Belmont	V. Pitzrick

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 264

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 3

Total for year . . . . . 267

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Green Heron	July	9	1 Yo.	Grand Is. (BOSWR)	Klabundes
"	"	16	Yo.	Grand Is. (BOSWR)	Klabundes
American Kestrel	"	6	N 5Y	Angelica	Burtons, Jordan
Spotted Sandpiper	"	7	2 Y	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Great Crested Flycatcher	June	20	N	Spring Brook	Danner
	July	5	Yo	Spring Brook	Danner
Bank Swallow	"	4	1746 N	Mohawk Bay, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Cliff Swallow	"	13	Y in nest	Angelica	Burtons, V. Pitzrick
Tufted Titmouse	"	8	2 Y	Spring Brook	Danner
House Wren	June	20	N 3Y	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	29	Yo	Spring Brook	Danner
Carolina Wren	March	31	N (in lawn sweeper pocket)	Spring Brook	Danner
	April	13	N 1E	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	16	aban.	Spring Brook	Danner
	June	14, 22	N, N5E	Spring Brook	Danner
	July	5	N 5Y	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	18	5 Yo	Spring Brook	Danner
Gray Catbird	"	15	1 Y	Amity	V. Pitzrick

Eastern Bluebird	July	1	2 Y	Amity	Pitzricks
"	"	14	4 Y	Amity	Pitzricks
Red-eyed Vireo	"	1	2 Y	Amity	V. Pitzrick
Red-eyed Vireo	"	15	2 Y Cowbirds	Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	"	23	1 Y Cowbird	Amity	V. Pitzrick
Blue-winged Warbler	"	22	2 Y	Amity	V. Pitzrick
Yellow Warbler	"	23	2 Y	Amity	V. Pitzrick
Northern Oriole	"	12	2 Y	Amity	V. Pitzrick
House Finch	"	31	1 Y	Eggertsville	McKales
Song Sparrow	June	30	N 4Y	Spring Brook	Danner
"	July	9	N 2Y	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	12	Yo	Spring Brook	Danner

### ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

#### FISH AND WILDLIFE COOPERATIVE BREEDING BIRD SURVEY-1976

This June BOS members and friends completed their tenth year of participating in the Fish & Wildlife - Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey. The procedure and rules followed are described in The Prothonotary, Vol. 33, No. 10, pages 123-7 (1967) and Vol. 34, No. 10, page 112 (1968). Although all nineteen routes were covered, only eighteen reports are available for this summary. Our thanks go to the following who cooperated in this endeavor.

<u>Observer</u>	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Route</u>	
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
Harold Lancaster	Evelyn Lancaster	001	Dunnville
Lou L. Burton	Doris Burton	045	Phillip's Creek
Elizabeth W. Brooks	Clarence W. Klingensmith	046	Swain
Alice E. Ulrich	Pauline Schwartz	052	Mt. Morris
Marian L. Crone	Lincoln Crone	051	Hamburg
Marie Wendling	Margaret Wendling	054	West Seneca
Robert F. Andrle	Patricia R. Andrle	055	Gainesville
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	057	East Java
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	058	Castile
Stephen W. Eaton	Ellen E. Eaton	059	Randolph
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	060	Centerville
Frances M. Rew	Lois Buck	061	Sheridan
Robert A. Sundell	Lois Buck	062	Cherry Hill
Robert M. Wagner	Mrs. Robert M. Wagner	063	Nashville
Alice McKale	Willard F. McKale	064	St. Johnsburg
Harriette Klabunde	Walter Klabunde	065	E. Youngstown
Jane B. Mason	Max W. Mason	066	Byron
Stephen W. Eaton	Ellen E. Eaton	111	S. Vandalia

Over the ten year period 149 species have been observed on these routes. Of these 115 were recorded this year. Obviously species which are normally scarce and especially when they are inconspicuous in field by both song and color will be missed on this type of coverage. Generally such species are only recorded in low

Fish & Wildlife Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey-1976, cont.

numbers - one to five. Table 1 not only summarizes the totals reported for each species and the frequency of detection by routes, but also shows all species seen over the ten year period. The figure in parenthesis after each species name indicates the number of years the species was recorded in the survey. Not included in this list are the five species not counted because they are not species breeding in this area. Significantly the only species new to the list this year, the Orchard Oriole was not known to nest in the Southern Tier. But this years record also established the presence of young of the species being fed: thus definitely adding this species to the list of breeding birds.

Nine species were recorded in significantly high numbers. All were also seen in relative higher abundance in the May Bird Count. Three of these have shown a steady increase during the entire ten year period. This group includes House Wren, Cardinals and Indigo Buntings. The others recorded in unusual highs were: Turkey Vulture, Common Snipe, Black-billed Cuckoo, Golden-crowned Kinglet and Solitary Vireo.

Four species were recorded in unusual low numbers, however, two of these did not follow the pattern shown in the May Bird Count. All four had shown a marked decline in the past four or five years, but two showed a marked rebound in the May Count which was not reflected in the breeding bird count. Apparently the added birds are filling the available areas in the north of us before expanding here again. The unusual lows included the Common Flicker, Horned Lark, Cedar Waxwing and Vesper Sparrow. The flicker and sparrow are apparently on the rebound - but not here.

The total number of species recorded per route varied from 47 to 75 with 53 as the median number. Also the total number of individual per route varied from 620 to 1431 with 953 as the median number.

TABLE 1

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%Routes</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%Routes</u>
Pied-b. Grebe (7)			Turkey Vulture (7)	7	22
Gr.Blue Heron (10)	16	32	Sharp-s.Hawk (3)	1	6
Green Heron (10)	19	61	Cooper's Hawk (1)		
Bl.cr. Night Heron (2)			Red-t. Hawk (10)	12	44
Least Bittern (1)			Red-sh. Hawk (10)	4	17
Amer.Bittern (7)	3	6	Broad-w. Hawk (2)	2	11
Canada Goose (2)			Marsh Hawk (9)	3	17
Mallard (10)	46	56	Amer. Kextrel (10)	28	78
Black Duck (7)			Ruffed Grouse (4)		
Blue-w. Teal (9)	4	6	Bobwhite (3)		
Nor. Shoveler (1)			Ring-n. Pheasant (10)	193	56
Wood Duck (7)	2	6	Turkey (7)	2	6
Bufflehead (1)			Virginia Rail (1)		



Table 1 Fish & Wildlife Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey-1976 cont.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%Routes</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%Routes</u>
Sora (4)			Cliff Swallow (9)	11	17
Com. Gallinule (7)	1	6	Purple Martin (10)	67	28
Killdeer (10)	224	100	Blue Jay (10)	120	89
Amer. Woodcock (5)	1	6	Common Crow (10)	526	100
Common Snipe (10)	16	28	Bl.-c. Chickadee (10)	85	94
Upland Sandpiper (10)	6	11	Tufted Titmouse (3)	2	6
Spotted Sandpiper (10)	9	33	Wh.-br. Nuthatch (10)	12	28
Herring Gull (5)			Red-br. Nuthatch (9)	2	6
Ring-b. Gull (10)	7	6	Brown Creeper (7)	1	6
Common Tern (7)	6	6	House Wren (10)	247	100
Black Tern (4)			Winter Wren (2)		
Rock Dove (10)	372	89	Carolina Wren (2)	1	6
Mourning Dove (10)	323	100	Long-b. Marsh Wren (6)		
Yell.-b. Cuckoo (9)	8	28	Short-b. Marsh Wren (4)		
Black-b. Cuckoo (10)	29	67	Mockingbird (2)	4	6
Screech Owl (4)			Gray Catbird (10)	185	100
Gr. Horned Owl (6)	1	6	Brown Thrasher (10)	14	67
Barred Owl (7)	2	11	American Robin (10)	1333	100
Long-eared Owl (1)			Wood Thrush (10)	144	94
Whip-poor-will (1)			Hermit Thrush (10)	2	6
Common Nighthawk (2)			Veery (10)	46	61
Chimney Swift (10)	38	61	E. Bluebird (10)	9	22
Ruby-t. Hummingbird (10)	2	11	Bl.-gr. Gnatcatcher (1)		
Belted Kingfisher (10)	13	28	Golden-cr. Kinglet (5)	7	6
Common Flicker (10)	39	89	Cedar Waxwing (10)	64	72
Pileated Wdpkr. (10)	2	11	Starling (10)	2487	100
Red-b. Wdpkr. (5)			Yellow-th. Vireo (10)	9	28
Red-h. Wdpkr. (10)	3	17	Solitary Vireo (9)	11	22
Yellow-b. Sapsucker (7)	2	6	Red-eyed Vireo (10)	200	94
Hairy Woodpecker (10)	4	17	Warbling Vireo (10)	52	72
Downy Woodpecker (10)	23	67	Bl.-w. Warbler (6)		
E. Kingbird (10)	76	83	Golden-w. Warbler (6)		
Gr. Crest. Flycatcher (10)	32	89	Blue-w. Warbler (10)	8	22
E. Phoebe (10)	39	67	"Brewster's" Warbler (1)		
Acadian Flycatcher (2)			Nashville Warbler (6)	1	6
Willow Flycatcher (10)	73	83	Yellow Warbler (10)	272	94
Alder Flycatcher (10)	12	33	Magnolia Warbler (9)	5	11
Least Flycatcher (10)	44	78	Bl.-thr. Blue Warb. (8)	3	11
E. Wood Pewee (10)	39	83	Bl.-thr. Green Warb (10)	18	22
Horned Lark (10)	43	61	Blackburn. Warbler (10)	5	22
Tree Swallow (10)	30	44	Chestnut-s. Warb. (10)	32	56
Bank Swallow (10)	28	44	Pine Warbler (1)		
Rough-w. Swallow (10)	10	28	Ovenbird (10)	20	44
Barn Swallow (10)	401	94	Nor. Waterthrush (4)		



Table 1 Fish & Wildlife Cooperative Breeding Bird Survey -1976 cont.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Routes</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Routes</u>
La. Waterthrush (6)			Cardinal (10)	133	100
Mourning Warbler (10)	8	28	Rose-br. Grosbeak (10)	68	89
Com. Yellowthroat (10)	217	100	Indigo Bunting (10)	171	94
Yellow-br. Chat (4)	2	6	Purple Finch (10)	20	39
Hooded Warbler (9)	2	11	Amer. Goldfinch (10)	359	100
Canada Warbler (10)	3	11	Rufous-s. Towhee (10)	82	72
Amer. Redstart (10)	20	39	Savannah Sparrow (10)	435	100
House Sparrow (10)	1240	100	Grasshop. Sparrow (10)	6	28
Bobolink (10)	313	94	Henslow's Sparrow (9)		
E. Meadowlark (10)	396	100	Vesper Sparrow (10)	13	28
W. Meadowlark (4)			Field Sparrow (10)	151	100
Red-w. Blackbird (10)	3248	100	Chipping Sparrow (10)	301	100
Orchard Oriole (1)	1	6	Dark-eyed Junco (10)	18	28
Northern Oriole (10)	138	100	Wh.-thr. Sparrow (5)	3	6
Common Grackle (10)	1314	100	Swamp Sparrow (10)	18	38
Brown-h. Cowbird (10)	177	94	Song Sparrow (10)	949	100
Scarlet Tanager (10)	22	67			

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NOTES

First Record of Spotted Redshank for Ontario and the Niagara Frontier

On the morning of July 25, 1976, while looking over several hundred shorebirds in the northwest pond of two cannery-waste impoundments near St. Davids, Ontario, about five miles north of Niagara Falls, Paul Benham, John Black, and the writer found the first Spotted Redshank (Tringa erythropus) to be recorded in Ontario or the Niagara Frontier Region. We studied it for several minutes as it flew about and waded among several scores of scattered Lesser Yellowlegs in the two or three acres of shallow water.

Hoping that as many interested persons as possible might see it, and since a no-trespassing rule on the property is rigidly enforced, we soon located the cannery manager and after arranging to have him let us and other birders in to see it later that afternoon, we notified Buffalo area and Canadian birders. Those who came and saw the bird included George Bryant, Robert Curry, Harold Lancaster, George Myers, Dan Salisbury, and Stuart Williams. After everyone had apparently had ample opportunity for sufficiently lengthy observations, the bird finally flew away to the westward during attempts to photograph it. It was not seen again although the locality was checked several times that evening and the following day, and most of the better shorebird spots within 75 miles were searched during the next three days.

First record of Spotted Redshank for Ontario & the Niagara Frontier, cont.

The Spotted Redshank breeds in the northernmost parts of Europe and Asia and winters mostly in the southern parts of those continents as well as in Africa. In North America, in addition to several reports said to have been uncertain or based on misidentifications, there have been two substantiated records for the United States and one for Canada, as follows: there is a specimen of a bird that was present on the Pribilof Islands of Alaska Sept. 19-22, 1961, a specimen from New Haven, Conn. Nov. 15, 1969, and a photo of a bird at Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 17, 1970.

The present bird was considerably more than half way through the molt from the breeding adult into the winter plumage, and still showed many black blotches remaining from the breeding plumage on the underparts. Judging by the very long bill, about twice as long as the head, it was probably a female.

This was a striking-looking bird, a little larger than a Lesser Yellowlegs and with a very straight, extremely needle-like bill, even longer than that of a Greater Yellowlegs. The legs were a startling intensity of red, not orange, not scarlet, but a deep true red, as was the basal 35 to 45% of the bill; a very faint blackish suffusion in the red was scarcely distinguishable. The tail resembled that of a yellowlegs, and a conspicuous long white wedge extended far up the back between the wings, as in a dowitcher. A prominent white eye-ring was the only evident facial mark. Much of its feeding resembled that of an Avocet, but with the bill pointing more vertically downward, as the bird waded very rapidly, swishing its long bill vigorously from side to side deep in the water. Its completely diagnostic call, given 30 to 40 times immediately preceding and during its departure, was reminiscent of a Semipalmated Plover's, or was still more like the last (up-slurred) half of a Black-bellied Plover's leisurely and pure-toned whistle.

Copies of a very detailed verifying account and discussion (about 5000 words) of the observations and identifying characters have been sent to the B.O.S. Statisticians and the Ontario Records Committee. Both committees have accepted the record.

Harold H. Axtell, R.R. #1, Fort Erie, Ontario

Bank Swallow Colony at Mohawk Bay, Ontario

For many years a large colony of Bank Swallows (Riparia riparia) has occupied the high earth cliffs along Mohawk Bay between Rockhouse and Mohawk Points in the Town of Dunnville, Regional Municipality of Haldimand - Norfolk. Beardslee and Mitchell (Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region, 1965, p. 312) mention this colony as probably the largest in the Buffalo Ornithological Society Territory and containing well over 2000 nests.

On 4 July 1976, Arthur Clark and I, with Patricia Andrle, Susan Wade, Marcy Foster and Robert Andrle, Jr., were returning by boat from Mohawk Island

Bank Swallow Colony at Mohawk Bay, Ont., cont.

when we decided to examine this colony at close range. The cliffs here are composed of a reddish soil which frequently slumps or is eroded by rain and sometimes at lower levels by wave action. They range from about 12 to 20 meters high in the stretch of about 1.5 km opposite Mohawk Island where the colony is located. The cliffs are vertical or nearly so just below the top and slope lakeward toward the base to varying degrees depending on the amount of erosion. In places they also show a scalloped profile, and most of the nest hole clusters are situated in these curving indentations.

We counted 1946 holes which were or appeared to be in use. They were in fifteen separate clusters ranging from 10 to 484 holes each. Five clusters had 100 or more holes each, three had between 50 and 100, and seven had less than 50. Many swallows were flying about the cliffs and entering the holes. Young could frequently be seen perched in the openings, some of which were several times larger than normal and considerably elongated vertically, possibly from erosion. There were Starlings nesting in four larger holes in one sector. An American Kestrel was perched on an earth projection below the cliff top, but we did not see it either enter a larger hole where it might have been breeding or make any attempt to prey upon the swallows which frequently hung on the lips of the holes.

Above the beach on the west side of Rockhouse Point in a 3-meter high earth bank was an isolated Bank Swallow colony containing about 18 holes. Although many of the Mohawk Bay colony clusters of holes are in portions of the cliffs where the soil is more compact and suitable for tunneling, some must occasionally be destroyed by erosion or slumping. We saw one instance of this where a large section of cliff top had recently fallen and apparently carried some nests with it. Despite this, the colony is obviously a very successful one which should persist.

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PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month in the Society's clubroom in the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

October 27th: "Pelagicus, or how to stomach the ocean and expand your life list." An account of a sea voyage by a group of BOS members off Montauk Point, Long Island on September 25th, presented by David Freeland. Illustrated with slides.

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November 10th: Report on October Bird Count by Bradley Lown, compiler. Kenneth Balmas will report on his study of local populations of the Red-wing Blackbird in a talk entitled: "Influence of the Male Red-wing Blackbird on Nesting Success."

November 24th: No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

November 6th: Field trip to Chautauqua Lake and area. Leader, Frances Rew. (tel. 822-0342). We will gather in front of the William Hengerer department store in the Seneca Mall at 8:00 a.m.

December 5th: Niagara Loop trip. Mary Louise Emerson, leader. (tel. 855-0067). We will meet at the Vermont Street entrance to the Peace Bridge at 8:00 a.m. or at the parking lot on the River Road, just south of the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie, Ontario at 8:15 a.m.

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## THE MONTH

Following a chilly first week, August was pleasantly warm and sunny until the 29th when unseasonably cold weather returned to end the period. The average temperature for the month was  $67.5^{\circ}$  (F), a departure of  $-0.9^{\circ}$  from the norm. Rainfall measured 1.65 inches, 1.88 inches below normal for the period. (Meteorological data as recorded at the Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The cool weather during the first week of August brought a surge of migratory activity. On the 7th, David Freeland counted 700 Bonaparte's Gulls on the Niagara River. Only one record of Little Gull for the month, an adult at Times Beach in Buffalo Harbor, was received and, for the first time in many years, no Franklin's Gulls were reported in the Greater Buffalo area or Niagara Falls in August. Shore bird migration continued excellent. An unusually large number of sightings of Baird's Sandpiper were received including four birds in one flock on a sod farm on County Road in the Town of Clarence and single individuals at Prendergast Point and Bemus Creek in Chautauqua County. A Buff-breasted Sandpiper was seen at the Niagara Mernon Sod Farm near Stromness, Ontario by Robert Andrie and his party on August 15th and a second individual of this rare migrant was reported by Freeland from the sod farm in the Town of Clarence on the 29th. Over 1200 Semipalmated Sandpipers in one flock were observed at the waste impoundment behind the cannery at St. David's, Ontario (see Prothonotary, vol. 42:8, pg. 96) on the 1st.

Observers reported migrating warblers and other small passerines in good numbers all month. The Loggerhead Shrikes seen in Clarence on the 12th are presumed to be summer residents which may have bred.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable, detailed written verification according to the 'Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario' (B.O.S. 1976) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the Buffalo Ornithological Society.

Cattle Egret	August	<u>4,11,15</u>	1,1,1	Ft. Erie Ont.	Somerville
	"	<u>15</u>	1	Clarence	Freeland
Great Egret	"	<u>1-8</u>	2	Burgeson Sanct.	Sundell, et al.
	"	<u>1,8</u>	1,6	Iroquois NWR	McKales
Black-crowned Night Heron		<u>8,14</u>	1	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>10,14</u>	3,5	Giffert Farm	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>22</u>	1	Ft. Niagara	Freeland
<u>Mute Swan</u>	"	<u>13</u>	1	Times Beach	Freeland
Gadwall	"	<u>19,22</u>	2	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>29</u>	2	Times Beach	Foster
Pintail	"	<u>22</u>	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>28</u>	2	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Freeland, et al.
	"	<u>31</u>	3	Mud Lake, Ont.	Axtell
Green-winged Teal	"	<u>14-22</u>	1-2	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>19</u>	3	Evans	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>23,31</u>	4,1	Amity Lake	M. Pitzrick,
					V. Pitzrick
American Wigeon	"	<u>18,19</u>	1,3	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>28</u>	8	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Freeland, et al.
Northern Shoveler	"	<u>22</u>	2	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>29</u>	2	Greenhurst	Sundell
Common Goldeneye	"	<u>8</u>	1	Lowbanks, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	<u>15</u>	1	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
White-winged Scoter	"	<u>24,29</u>	1	Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Ruddy Duck	"	<u>8</u>	1	Iroquois NWR	McKales
Goshawk	"	<u>20</u>	1	Newstead	Freeland
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	<u>2,9,24</u>	1,1,1	Amity	V. Pitzrick
	"	<u>13</u>	1	Olean (Windfall Rd.)	Fornesses
	"	<u>29</u>	2	Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Cooper's Hawk	"	<u>13</u>	1	N. Olean	Fornesses
	"	<u>15</u>	1	Amity	V. Pitzrick
	"	<u>19</u>	1	Grand Island	Freeland
Broad-winged Hawk	"	<u>8</u>	1	E. Amherst	Freeland
Osprey	"	<u>19</u>	1	Belmont	Burtens
Semipalmated Plover	"	<u>7</u>	3	Erie Beach, Ont.	Freelands
	"	<u>7,9</u>	20,18	Prendergast Pt.	Sundell
	"	<u>28</u>	160	L. Erie Shore, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
*American Golden Plover		<u>29F</u>	2	Clarence	Freelands
	"	<u>31</u>	2	Nigh Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Common Snipe	"	<u>8</u>	5	Clarence	Freeland



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Solitary Sandpiper August	1F	2 Hamburg Village	Andrle, et al.
"	7,9	14,18 Prendergast Pt.	Sundell
"	25	2 Almond Dam	Klingensmith
*Willet	24,29	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
"	28	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Freeland, et al.
*Red Knot	28F	1 Camelot Beach, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
Pectoral Sandpiper	8	37 Clarence	Freeland
White-rumped Sandpiper	8F,9	1,1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	10,15	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Baird's Sandpiper	7	2 Erie Beach, Ont.	Freelands
"	8	5 Clarence	Freeland
"	22,24-31	2,1 Prendergast Pt.	Sundell
"	29	1 Bemus Creek	Sundell
Dunlin	28	1 Waverly Beach, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
Stilt Sandpiper	7	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Freelands
"	8	30 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	9	1 Prendergast Pt.	Sundell
"	11,14	4,4 Clarence	Freeland, et al.
"	28	2 Waverly Beach, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	1200 St. Davids, Ont.	Andrle, Klabundes, et al.
*Buff-breasted Sandpiper	15	3 Dunville, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	29	1 Clarence	Freelands
Sanderling	28	120 L. Erie Shore, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
Wilson's Phalarope	8	1 Iroquois NWR	McKales
"	15	1 Clarence	Freeland
"	22	2 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Great Black-backed Gull	15	5 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Bonaparte's Gull	7	700 Niagara River	Freelands
Little Gull	22F	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
*Forster's Tern	22F	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	28	2 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Freeland, et al.
Caspian Tern	8,14	1,2 Tiffit Farm	Andrle, et al.
"	15,22	2,1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	21,22	2,2 Barcelona	Sundell
"	22	2 Ft. Niagara	Freelands
Black Tern	7	300 Niagara River	Freelands
Common Nighthawk	26	200(mig.) Clarence	Freelands
Chimney Swift	7	300 Niagara River	Freelands
"	10	62 Hinsdale	Fornesses
"	26	125(mig.) Clarence	Freelands
Red-bellied Woodpecker	22	1 Clarence	Freeland
"	26	1 Amherst	Freeland
Red-headed Woodpecker	1-31	1-2 Newstead	Freeland, et al.
"	22	1 Ellicott Creek Park	Millard
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	15F	1 Newstead	Freeland



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Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	August 22F	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	27	3 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	29	1 Mud Lake, Ont.	Axtell
Olive-sided Flycatcher	12F, 26	1, 1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
Tufted Titmouse	" 1-31	1-3 Spring Brook	Danner
"	6	1 Newstead	Freeland
Red-breasted Nuthatch	" 21F	1 Barcelona	Sundell
"	"26, 30	1 Eggertsville	McKales
"	29	2 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
"	29	1 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	29	1 E. Amherst	Freeland
"	30	1 Snyder	DeKleine
"	30	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Carolina Wren	" 1-31	3-6 Spring Brook	Danner
"	14	1 Jamestown	Sundell
"	22	5 Barcelona area	Sundell
"	28	1 Windmill Pt., Ont.	Freeland, et al.
"	29	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
Mockingbird	" 28	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Freeland, et al.
Swainson's Thrush	" 16F	1 Eggertsville	McKales
"	"28-31	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
"	29	2 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
Eastern Bluebird	" 1	2 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	20	3 Birdsall	V. Pitzrick
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	" 22	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Loggerhead Shrike	" 12	2 Clarence	Freeland, et al.
White-eyed Vireo	" 20	1 Newstead	Freeland
Red-eyed Vireo	" 31	13 Williamsville	Freeland
Philadelphia Vireo	" 20F	1 Barcelona	Sundell
"	22	2 Clarence	Freeland
"	27	1 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	29	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
Black-and-white Warbler	" 28F	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Golden-winged Warbler	"9F, 12	1, 1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	29	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
Blue-winged Warbler	" 22F	1 Spring Brook	Danner
"	28	2 Barcelona	Sundell
Tennessee Warbler	" 24F	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, Byron
"	"27, 28	1, 1 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	29	1 Times Beach	Foster
Nashville Warbler	" 9F	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	15	1 Newstead	Freeland
Magnolia Warbler	" 8F	1 Burgenson Sanct.	Sundell, Tahl
"	31	2 Williamsville	Freeland
Cape May Warbler	" 14F	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	22	1 Barcelona	Sundell

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Yellow-rumped Warbler August	4	1 Ellicottville	Frank, Horbett
"	15F	2 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	20	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Black-throated Green Warb.	22F	1 Clarence	Freeland
"	27,29-31	3,1 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	29	1 Times Beach	Foster
"	31	1 Ward	Burtens
Blackburnian Warbler	20F	1 Barcelona	Sundell
"	29,31	2,1 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	29	1 E. Amherst	Freeland
Chestnut-sided Warbler	22F	1 Barcelona	Sundell
"	24	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
Bay-breasted Warbler	9F	1 Jamestown	Sundell
"	14	1 Tiffit Farm	Andrle, et al.
Blackpoll Warbler	15F	1 Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	18,29	1,1 Times Beach	Foster
Northern Waterthrush	15F	1 Wainfleet, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	30	1 Clarence	Freeland
*Connecticut Warbler	29F	1 Times Beach	Foster
Mourning Warbler	21F	1 Barcelona	Sundell
"	29	1 Mud Lake, Ont.	Axtell
Hooded Warbler	21F	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Canada Warbler	14F	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	21	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Bobolink	25	150 W. Almond	Burtens
Northern Oriole	15F	10 Newstead	Freeland
Scarlet Tanager	22F	8 Barcelona area	Sundell
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	14F	5 Tiffit Farm	Andrle, et al.
House Finch	1-31	12 Olean	Fox
"	1-31	5-8 Eggertsville	McKales
	1-18,19-31	4-2,1 Belmont	Burtens

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 263

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 6

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Alder Flycatcher August	5	1 ad., 2Y	Amity V. Pitzrick
Indigo Bunting	9	2 ad., 2Y; 8/24 2A5Y; 8/19 1A2Y	Amity V. Pitzrick

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Farmersville Station, New York

Donald F. Clark

Little Green Heron	May 12	Adult on nest
	" 27	Adult on nest
	June 2	Adult on nest
	16	3Y
Red-tailed Hawk	May 2	Adults flew from nest when approached
	" 22	Adults flew from nest when approached
Eastern Phoebe	May 1	Repaired last years nest
	" 7	1 E
		Nest abandoned
Eastern Phoebe	May 7	Building new nest opposite side of barn
	" 15	2E plus 1 B.H. Cowbird E
	" 20	7 E-2 of them B.H. Cowbird E -removed
	June 3	1E 4Y
	" 19	4Y
Eastern Phoebe	June 26	4E
Blue Jay	June 3,16	Adult on nest
R.W. Blackbird	May 25	1E
	" 27	3E
	June 4	3E
R.W. Blackbird	May 25	4E
	" 27	4E
	June 4	4Y
C. Grackle	May 27	3E
	June 4	3E
C. Grackle	June 29	3E
	July 9	Adults feeding young
Song Sparrow	May 22	Flushed adult
	" 26	6E
	June 3	Nest destroyed
Tree Swallow	May 22	4E
	June 3	4E
	" 4	Nest destroyed

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Tree Swallow	June 24	3E 1Y
	July 9	4Y
Tree Swallow	May 15	2E
	" 27	6E
	June 4	6E
	" 17	6Y
Tree Swallow	May 15	1E
	" 27	4E
	June 17	4Y
Tree Swallow	June 4	5E
	" 17	5Y
	" 29	5Y
Tree Swallow	June 4	Nest complete - adults bombed me
	" 17	"
	" 29	Abandoned
Tree Swallow	May 27	Building
	June 5	5E
	" 17	5Y
Tree Swallow	May 22	Nest complete
	June 6	6E
	" 17	6E
	" 29	6Y
Tree Swallow	May 15	Nest complete
	" 22	4E
	June 4	4E
	" 17	4Y
Tree Swallow	May 15	Building
	" 27	5E
	June 4	5E
	" 17	5Y
	" 29	5Y
Tree Swallow	May 27	2E
	June 4	5Y
Tree Swallow	May 27	7E
	June 4	7E

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Tree Swallow	May 27	5E
	June 4	5E
Tree Swallow	May 27	3E
	June 4	4E
	" 5	2 dead birds in nest
Tree Swallow	July 15	3Y
Tree Swallow	July 3	4Y
R.E. Vireo	June 21	First bit of nest building
	" 26	1E
	" 30	3E
	July 13	3Y
	" 20	3Y
	" 21	Young left nest
American Robin	May 7	Building
	" 20	Nest destroyed in storm-3Y dead on ground
American Robin	May 11	Building
	" 27	Abandoned
American Robin	May 7	Building
	" 15	2E
	" 27	Abandoned
American Robin	May 15	Building
	" 23	4Y
American Robin	May 27	Building
American Robin	May 27	3E
	June 3	3E
American Robin	June 3	Adults on nest
	" 18	Nest destroyed (predation-?)
American Robin	July 8	Adult on
	" 17	Feeding young
	" 29	Young left nest
American Robin	July 6	Adult on nest
	" 17	Feeding young
	" 28	Young left nest

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Starling	3 separate nestings during summer in a Martin House
Wood Duck	1E plus down in box but doubt if a full clutch was laid
Hooded Merganser	Egg shells and down in nest box this could have been a successful nesting

Comment:

All nests located on our 46 acre refuge.

Tree Swallows increased over last year.

Robins must have had 3 nestings this year with many nests close to our house.

First time in 18 years we did not have Wood Duck successfully nest on our ponds. In fact very few were seen this season.

THE IDENTIFICATION OF WINTER FINCHES AND GROSBEAKS IN FLIGHT

by Harold A. Axtell

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was originally published in the November, 1966 issue of The Prothonotary and prompted immediate praise for its unique contribution to the field identification of the several species of fringillids that wander southward into our study area from more northerly climes during the winter months. Since these birds are frequently seen only flying in flocks overhead, flight patterns and call notes are often diagnostic. The article is being reprinted at this time for the benefit of those readers who were not members of the birdwatching fraternity at the time of the original publication.

Many field observers of considerable experience have gaps in their knowledge when they come to the identification of winter finches and grosbeaks in flight. Most of the species can be recognized under these conditions, however, if seen fairly well, especially if one knows their characteristic flight calls. All of them have a markedly undulating flight, conspicuously-notched tails, and a blunt look at their front end because of the stubby bill.

Evening Grosbeak

The Evening Grosbeak is the only bird of its approximate size so stocky and short-tailed that also has a very bouncing flight. Woodpeckers come closest, but even they are less stocky. The Grosbeak's large white wing patch is usually very conspicuous and verifies the identification. The commonest call note is

Evening Grosbeak, cont.

surprisingly like the common chirp of a House Sparrow, especially when heard at a distance, but it is louder and more ringing in quality. It may be written variously as "chree-u", "klee-a" or "jreep".

Purple Finch

The Purple Finch is easy. One needs only to hear the diagnostic call note which can nearly always be heard when a Purple Finch flies over. It can be variously worded "tsurk," "tik," or -- my own preference -- "turk." It is very short and sharp, but not loud. It is a rather clear, hollow whistle, like blowing sharply into a small, empty rifle cartridge. Of all the species discussed here, this is the least gregarious and is the one least often seen flying in flocks.

Pine Grosbeak

The Pine Grosbeak on the wing is easily identified by sight alone if its approximate size is judged correctly. It is the only winter or late autumn bird which is very nearly as large as a Robin, with the same tail-to-body proportions as a Robin, and which bounces when it flies (except for the quickly distinguished shrikes.) It is commonly seen in rather small, loose flocks or groups, but is also often alone. The flight call is characteristic. Most commonly it consists of one to three notes that may be variously worded, for example, "see tyer," "ee tyi," and "ee tyi tyer." This call has a clear, musical, though very slightly squeaky whistled tone, easily imitated by whistling these syllables in a high pitch. It is often said to resemble the call of a Yellowlegs, but it is not likely to be confused with one because the Grosbeak's second note is nearly always on a clearly different pitch from the first note (usually lower), the call seems less loud than that of a Yellowlegs, is much less forcefully emitted, and is sweeter in tone. It resembles more closely the flight calls of Goldfinch and Horned Lark, though it is not nearly so thin and squeaky as the latter, and sometimes it can be mistaken for the notes of one of these two species, especially at a distance.

Redpolls

A flock of Redpolls averages considerably paler than a flock of Siskins, and grayer than Goldfinches. The rest of the finches are larger than these three. Also there is typically a very noticeable difference between the whitest and darkest individuals in a Redpoll flock; noticeable variation of this kind is lacking in winter flocks of the other small finches. A Redpoll's tail is considerably longer and a little narrower than the tails of the others. This is apparent under most conditions and with practice can be used as a means of identification. The persistently repeated flight call is the means by which most Redpolls are discovered and recognized, however. It may be syllabified variously as "chyü", "chi", or "chyer", and is usually given in groups of one to four or more staccato notes, at the rate of seven notes per second. The quality is primarily "chichy" (like saying "ch" in a

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in a loud whisper) and metallic (in this case, like hitting a bare telephone wire with a stone), with only a slight whistled quality. (see Pine Siskin and White-winged Crossbill.)

The Hoary Redpoll

The Hoary Redpoll cannot safely be distinguished in flight.

Pine Siskin

The Pine Siskin is like the Goldfinch in size, shape, and flight. Sometimes the long, pale yellow strips in the wing can be seen as Siskins go by; if it can, this is diagnostic. They often form a tighter flock than Goldfinches do. This species has two kinds of common flight calls, one or both of which may be heard from a passing flock. The most distinctive one usually consists of two or three syllables very rapidly run together, so that the call is from about one-tenth to one-quarter of a second in length. The tone is a combination of nasal and sibilant (having an "s" sound) and is given with considerable emphasis. Some variations and syllabic interpretations are: "swee-a" (one of the commonest calls and one of its best syllabications), "see-i", "cheeseë", also three-syllabic "chsiweeyi", "tsiteeyi", "chitilit", and "tsyu-wee-yu", all these sounds always nasal and sibilant throughout. The accent is usually rather evenly distributed over all the syllables. A bird repeats this call every few seconds in flight. It is completely diagnostic.

The other common flight call of the Siskin somewhat resembles that of the Redpoll. It may be written "tyi". "chyu". "chi", or "jit". It has a decided nasal or whining tone and slight but noticeable amounts of "chichy", metallic, and sibilant tonal factors. It is reminiscent of the call of the Brown-headed Nuthatch. There are usually two to five notes in a group, given at the rate of about seven notes per second. Sometimes a series rises slightly in pitch throughout. It is readily distinguished from the similar "chichy" calls of Redpoll and White-winged Crossbill by the very prominent nasal or whining tone factor.

American Goldfinch

The American Goldfinch sometimes has to be identified in winter by visual means alone. When this is the case, it is very commonly misidentified as Pine Siskin. This may be because some birders may not be accustomed to thinking of Goldfinches as dark-looking birds, as they are in the winter. Or, it may be that these birders think of Goldfinches as inseparable from their typical flight call -- as they are during late spring and summer -- so that in winter when they see a flock of small dark finches flying silently or emitting only an occasional single weak note, they assume that they cannot be Goldfinches and therefore have to be Siskins. The fact is, on the contrary, that a flock of winter finches flying silently or with only an occasional scarcely audible note or two is more likely to be a flock of



American Goldfinch, cont.

Goldfinches than anything else. A zealous and experienced use of binoculars on a flock of finches in flight will often reveal identification cues that a person might not expect could possibly be seen under the circumstances until he tries. Birds with undulating flight fold their wings against their body on the down-glide and then may show the same field marks they do when at rest. Thus, binoculars sometimes reveal the unstreaked bodies of flying Goldfinches. Since Goldfinches tend on the average to fly at less height and in less compact flocks than the other dark winter finches, one can make a tentative identification using these characteristics, preferably in combination with some others.

The usual syllabication, "per-chic-o-ree", for the Goldfinch's typical flight call is unnecessarily inaccurate and misleading. "Ti-tee-ti-ter", or "tyi-tysee-tyi-tyer". using the "y" to indicate the quick down-slur in each note, would be an improvement. The second note is usually the highest in pitch and sounds very slightly louder than the others. There may be from one to seven notes in a group, most typically four -- though, as a rule, fewer in winter. This call always has a sweet, musical, plaintive quality, unusual among flight calls of finches (but see Pine Grosbeak). In the late fall and winter Goldfinches do not seem to have quite the spirit that they do in warmer seasons, and at this time a Goldfinch often calls much less loudly and frequently, tends to give fewer notes in its call, and may even fly past without making its call heard at all. On cold winter days I have often seen a flock fly close past me and have heard only a single weak "tee" or a scarcely audible two-note "tyi tyee". most members of the flock remaining silent. Such calls as may be heard, however weak or abbreviated, still retain enough of the Goldfinch's sweet, musical, plaintive quality to be readily recognized.

Red Crossbill

The Red Crossbill is so lacking in distinctive field marks that can be seen as it flies, and its flight call is so constantly given and so completely diagnostic that one not only can, but in most cases must rely on recognizing this species in flight by its call. The note is usually syllabified as "kip", "jip", or "pip", but no syllabication represents the sound adequately. Only an unusually good ear will detect that some individuals slur the note downward, in which case "chyip" or "tsyip" are fair interpretations, and others slur upwards, for which the syllabication might be written "quat" or "prit" ("preet" when a little higher pitched). The staccato notes are unusually emphatic and loud for so small a bird, the force with which they are voiced being one of the most distinctive characteristics. Authors generally avoid describing their quality. This says a good deal about the quality, however, because the fact is that it differs from any bird sounds that do possess clearly describable tonal characters. To step in where angels fear to tread, I might venture the description that the note is a very forcefully-delivered staccato whistle, its musical tone considerably reduced by a sibilant element and a slap-like factor. This description probably does not create a vivid sound-image in the mind of the reader. Perhaps it is best to advise learning the flight calls of

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all the other finches and to remember simply that the quality of the Red Crossbill's is entirely different from any of them. The rhythm is similar, however, the notes typically being given in groups of one to five or more, at the rate of four or five notes per second, with intervals of about half a second or more between groups.

White-winged Crossbill

The White-winged Crossbill may often be recognized in flight by the very conspicuous white wing bars combined with size and shape of the bird. Also, the bright pink color of the adult males in a flock is frequently visible at some distance.

Like the Siskin, the White-winged Crossbill commonly uses two very dissimilar flight calls, either or both of which may be heard as the bird flies overhead. Both are very different in quality from the Red Crossbill's call. One closely resembles the flight call of the Redpoll. It may be variously syllabified as "ch", "chi", or "chit". It is given at the rate of four to six notes per second, with one to four or more notes in a group and usually less than a second between groups. In quality it is a somewhat metallic "chichy" sound with a peculiar resonance. It differs from the Redpoll's call chiefly in being repeated at a speed between four and six (usually five) times a second instead of seven, in being less metallic, and in sounding louder and fuller or heavier like the note of the larger bird that it is.

The other note, a somewhat nasal and metallic whistled "wheent". "whing", or "we", closely resembles the common "pink" call of the Bobolink, but is quickly up-slurred, giving it a definite "w" or "wh" sound, and is enunciated with greater emphasis. Like the "chichy" call, it is given singly or in groups of notes. No other finch has a note at all similar.

In learning to identify winter finches and grosbeaks in flight, the most important factor is field experience with them.

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PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, September to June, inclusive, in the Society's clubroom at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

December 22nd:	No meeting.	Merry Christmas!
December 8th:	Review of Recent Ornithological Literature by the Society's librarian, Marie J. Wendling	

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January 12th: 'Winter Woodpeckers in an Urban Environment.'  
Dorothy J. McMichael and David Wilcove. Observations of the large number of Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers attracted to the dead and dying elm trees in the Central Park section of Buffalo during the winter of 1975-76.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

December 19th: Christmas Bird Count. Marcya Foster, leader.  
Telephone leader at 648-1025 for assignment of territory.

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## THE MONTH

September was seasonably cool and rather dry. The measured precipitation of 5.39 inches recorded for the month, 2.14 inches above normal, reflects the heavy rainfall of 2.87 inches on the 17th. The average temperature for the month was 60.1° (F), a departure of -1.5° from the norm. (Meteorological data as recorded at the Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

Because of a happy combination of favorable winds and clear nights, television tower kills of migrating passerine species were remarkably light during September. Following cold fronts on the 5th and the 21st, observers reported a great increase in the number of gulls in the upper Niagara River. For the second consecutive year, Northern Phalaropes were reported in the vicinity of the Peace Bridge, hitherto a most unusual location for migrating birds of this species. The unusually large number of Baird's Sandpipers migrating through our region, reported in these pages last month, increased in September. The first verified record of the Western Sandpiper from the Chautauqua Lake region was received from Robert Sundell.

The Mute Swan seen daily at Times Beach in the Buffalo Harbor for the third month in September appears to be a feral bird, able to fly but finding the plentiful food supply in the shallows offshore greatly to its liking. Among other records of interest for the month was an adult Peregrine Falcon seen at the Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area by Bill Rebovich on the 27th.

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

Common Loon	September	12	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	BOS(Axtell, et al.)
Double-crested Cormorant		10	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
Great Blue Heron	September	29	20 Keeney Swamp	Burtons
"	"	30	26 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Great Egret	"	15,30	8,1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	29	1 Keeney Swamp	Burtons
Black-cr. Night Heron		9	6 Tiffit Farm	Andrle, et al.
"	"	15	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	28	15 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
<u>Mute Swan</u>	"	1-30	1 Times Beach	many observers
Canada Goose	"	15,30	130,880 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	16	150 Lewiston	Farrell
"	"	17,24	20,25 Newfane	Farley
"	"	18,19	28,20 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	"	19,28	130,210 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	"	19	84 West Almond	Burtons
Mallard	"	15	200 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Gadwall	"	12F	1 Greenhurst	Sundell
"	"	30	50 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Pintail	"	15F-23	1 Cheektowaga	Freeland
"	"	15F-30	24,21 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	21	7 Lewiston	Farrell
Green-winged Teal	"	12F,13,19,25	9,13,30,30 Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	"	15,30	10,6 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	21	1 Lewiston	Farrell
American Wigeon	"	15F,30	400,805 Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	25	5 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Redhead	"	12	1 Mud Lake, Ont.	BOS(Axtell)
Lesser Scaup	"	12	1 Cement Rd. Pond, Ont.	BOS (Axtell)
Ruddy Duck	"	30F	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
<u>Goshawk</u>	"	27	1 Allegany County	V. Pitzrick
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	10,12,19,24	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	20,21,30	1 Belmont	Burtons
Cooper's Hawk	"	6	1 Ward	Burtons
"	"	19	1 Belmont	Burtons
"	"	19	1 Almond	Burtons
"	"	21,22	1 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
"	"	30	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Red-shouldered Hawk	"	19F	2 West Almond	Burtons
"	"	25	2 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	"	25	1 near Belmont	Brooks, V. Pitzrick, et al.
Broad-winged Hawk	"	6F	2 Ward	Burtons
"	"	13,25	2,1 Alfred area	Brooks, et al.
"	"	25	1 West Almond	Burtons
Osprey	"	8	1 Belmont	Burtons, M. Jordan

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Osprey (cont.)	September	13	1	Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
"	"	21	1	Lewiston	Farrell
"	"	27	1	Almond Dam	Klingensmith
"	"	29	1	Keeney Swamp	Burtens
"	"	30	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
<u>Peregrine Falcon</u>	"	27	1	Tonawanda WMA	Reboviches, Carroll, Eddy
<u>Merlin</u>	"	28	1	Buffalo (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
American Coot	"	11F	15	Prendergast Pt.	Sundell
"	"	15,30	4,178	Iroquois NWR	Morse
Semipalmated Plover	"	27	3	Almond Dam	Klingensmith
Killdeer	"	2	265	Clarence	Freeland
American Golden Plover	"	1,5,11	4,21,10	Clarence	McKales
"	"	2,12	29,24	Clarence	Freeland
"	"	5	1	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	6	10	Clarence	Mitchell
"	"	9	4	Alabama	Morse
"	"	12	11	Ft. Erie, Ont.	BOS (Axtell)
"	"	26	1	Bemus Creek	Sundell
Upland Sandpiper	"	1	8	Clarence	McKales
"	"	2L	3	Clarence	Freeland
Solitary Sandpiper	"	13,19	1,1	West Falls	Matlocks
Willet	"	9	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Thill, Reckhow
White-rumped Sandpiper	"	4	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	5	5	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Baird's Sandpiper	"	1-4	1	Prendergast Pt.	Sundell
"	"	2	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	4,6,9,10	1,4,1,2	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	5	1	Rockhouse Pt., Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	6	1	Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	15,17,19	1,2,1	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Dunlin	"	26	3	Bemus Creek	Sundell
* <u>Western Sandpiper</u>	"	5	1	Bemus Point	Sundell
"	"	30	2	Tonawanda WMA	Rebovich, Morse, Carroll
Wilson's Phalarope	"	15L	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
* Northern Phalarope	"	15F	1	Iroquois NWR	Morse
"	"	22	1	Peace Bridge	Axtell
* Franklin's Gull	"	9F	1	Erie Beach, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	11	1	Peace Bridge, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	19	4	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	28	1	Buffalo (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
Little Gull	"	5	1	Bird Island	Andrle, et al.
"	"	9	2	Peace Bridge	Axtell
"	"	9;15,19	1;7	Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
"	"	28	2	Buffalo (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
Forster's Tern	"	28	2	Buffalo (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
Common Tern	"	25	400	Lewiston	Klabundes



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Common Nighthawk	September	13	1 E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	14L	75 Jamestown	Sundell
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	"	17	1 Belmont	Casterline
"	"	23L	1 Cheektowaga	Freeland
Red-bellied Woodpecker"	"	18	1 Clarence	Freeland
Red-headed Woodpecker "	"	17	1 Amity	Casterline
"	"	22	2 Gasport	Klabundes
"	"	25	4 Ft. Niagara	Klabundes
"	"	25	1 4-Mi.Creek, S.P.	Klabundes
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	19F-30		1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	22,25		1,1 Alfred area	Brooks
Eastern Kingbird	"	4	2 Belmont	Burtions
"	"	5L	1 Model City	McKales
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	"	6	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	16	1 Lewiston	Farrell
"	"	18L	1 Clarence	Freeland
Olive-sided Flycatcher"	"	3L	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell
Tree Swallow	"	28	400 Buffalo(Porter Ave.)	Freeland
Bank Swallow	"	28L	4 Buffalo(Porter Ave..)	Freeland
Cliff Swallow	"	6L	1 Belmont	Burtions
Purple Martin	"	8	150 Lewiston	Farrell
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-30	1-3 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	19	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Fessler
"	"	29-30	3 Lewiston	Klabundes
Red-breasted Nuthatch "	"	25	10 Alfred area	Brooks, et al.
Brown Creeper	"	11F	1 Prendergast Pt.	Sundell
"	"	21	1 Eggertsville	McKales
"	"	21	4 Lewiston	Farrell
Winter Wren	"	19F	2 Erie Beach, Ont.	Fessler
"	"	19F	3 Amity	V. Pitzrick
"	"	24	1 Eggertsville	McKales
Carolina Wren	"	1-30	2-4 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	1	1 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	"	15	1 Williamsville	Freeland
"	"	25	4 Barcelona area	Sundell
"	"	26	1 Belmont	Burtions
Hermit Thrush	"	21F,28	3,2 Lewiston	Farrell
Swainson's Thrush	"	11	16 E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	21	16 Lewiston	Farrell
Gray-cheeked Thrush	"	16F,19	1,1 E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	21	4 Lewiston	Farrell
"	"	21	1 Eggertsville	McKales
"	"	23	1 Alfred Area	Brooks
"	"	27	1 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	"	29	1 Delaware Park	McMichael
Veery	"	19	1 (dead) E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	27L	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick

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Eastern Bluebird	September	1	4 Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Thompson
"	"	9,16	3,2 Belmont	Burtens
"	"	12	2 Clarence	Freeland
"	"	13-30	7 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
"	"	21	5 Amity	Burtens
"	"	30	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse et al.
Golden-crowned Kinglet	"	12F	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	BOS, Axtell, Andrle/
"	"	25	18 Alfred area	Brooks
"	"	25	1 Eggertsville	McKales
"	"	25	14+ near Belmont	V. Pitzrick, et al.
"	"	25	25 Alfred area	Klingensmith
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	17F	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al..
"	"	19	3 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	"	19	20 Ellicottville	Frank
Water Pipit	"	15F	10 Clarence	Fessler
"	"	25L	1 Grand Island	Klabundes
Philadelphia Vireo	"	3	1 Mud Lake, Ont.	Axtell
"	"	6	1 Morgan's Pt., Ont.	Axtell
"	"	15	2 Williamsville	Freeland
Warbling Vireo	"	19	2 E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	25L	1 Ft. Niagara	Klabundes
Golden-winged Warbler	"	14	1 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	19	1 Tiffit Farm	Andrle, et al.
"	"	21L	1 Lewiston	Farrell
Blue-winged Warbler	"	15-17L	2 Spring Brook	Danner
Nashville Warbler	"	29	30 Delaware Park	McMichael
Chestnut-sided Warbler	"	29L	1 Grand Island	Millard
Pine Warbler	"	12,18L	1,1 Clarence	Freeland
Ovenbird	"	27	1 (dead) E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	28L	1 Tiffit Farm	Klabundes
Northern Waterthrush	"	20,21L	1 Tonawanda	Millard
Connecticut Warbler	"	11	1 E. Amherst	Freeland
"	"	25L	1 Barcelona	Sundell
Mourning Warbler	"	17L	1 Spring Brook	Danner
Hooded Warbler	"	2L	1 Allegany S.P.	McMichael
Wilson's Warbler	"	16	2 Tonawanda	Millard
"	"	17L	1 Alfred area	Brooks
Canada Warbler	"	16L	2 Lewiston	Farrell
Northern Oriole	"	1-17L	1-2 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	15	1 Williamsville	Freeland
Rusty Blackbird	"	25F	2 4-Mil. Creek, S.P.	Klabundes
"	"	25F	1 Barcelona	Sundell
"	"	29	9 Amherst	Freeland
Scarlet Tanager	"	30L	1 Alfred area	Brooks
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	"	29L	1 Williamsville	Freeland
Indigo Bunting	"	19L	1 Alfred area	Klingensmith

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<u>House Finch</u>	September	1-30	5-7 Eggertsville	McKales
	"	30	3 Belmont	Burtons
Pine Siskin	"	22F	1 Amity Lake	V. Fitzrick
	"	25	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	30	4 Belmont	Burtons
Henslow's Sparrow	"	18L	8 Clarence	Freeland
Dark-eyed Junco	"	4,19F,25	1,24,4 W. Almond	Burtons
	"	6	5 Ward	Burtons
	"	19F	25 Ellicottville	Frank
	"	21,29,30	2,2,3 Tonawanda	Millard
	"	22,28	2,2 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
	"	29	50 Delaware Park	McMichael
White-crowned Sparrow		25F	2 Tifft Farm	Fessler
	"	26-30	1 Belmont	Burtons
White-throated Sparrow		5F	4 Youngstown	McKales
	"	18	20 Clarence	Freeland
Lincoln's Sparrow	"	28	1 Alfred area	Brooks

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1976 BREEDING BIRD CENSUS OF THE ALEXANDER PRESERVE  
OF THE NATURE SANCTUARY SOCIETY IN THE ZOAR VALLEY

by: Harold D. Mitchell

Early in 1976 I proposed to the Research Committee of the Buffalo Ornithological Society that a breeding bird census be conducted in the 120 acre Alexander Preserve in the Zoar Valley, just 30 years after one was taken on June 2 and 5, 1946. At that time Robert Andrie, John Filor, Dr. James Johnston and Bernard Nathan were of great help in censusing the area. (1). My proposal to the Research

Committee was accepted and carried out by members of the committee and friends, in spite of the incapacity of the writer to take part in the several field trips which were made, particularly those on June 11th, 12th and 19th, 1976. These dates were chosen in order to include nesting birds only, and eliminating practically all spring migrants. It is now the opinion that the earlier June dates in 1946 may have included a few late migrants, although we did not think so at the time.

One notable change in the typography of the area was the recent formation of an island in Cattaraugus Creek due to flood waters cutting into the bank where there is a sharp change in direction of flow from west to nearly south. The island thus formed proved especially attractive to the Killdeer and the Spotted Sandpiper, two species not recorded in 1946.

In 1946 there was a deserted apple orchard on the north slope, interspersed with thornapples and aspens, also other small trees and bushes. This was very attractive to Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers, and we wondered at the time what would happen to the bird life, when the evergreen seedlings planted by the Nature Sanctuary Society grew into large trees. Now, in 1976, we have the answer. Not only have the Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers left, but seven other species seen in 1946 are missing in 1976, namely Black-billed Cuckoos, Rough-winged Swallow, Black-and-white Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Canada Warbler and Indigo Bunting. However, we had added twelve new species in 1976, namely! Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Belted Kingfisher, Alder Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Brown Creeper, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Starling, Cerulean Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush and Cardinal.

The most abundant bird found in 1976 (the seventh in 1946) was the Redstart, of which at least 6 pairs were estimated to be breeding (13 reported on June 12) compared with reports of 9 birds (4 pairs estimated) in 1946. Next was Red-eyed Vireo with 5 pairs, and Wood Pewee, Black-capped Chickadee, Wood Thrush, Veery, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Dark-eyed Junco, all estimated at 4 breeding pairs each. Those estimated at 3 pairs breeding included Great Crested Flycatcher, Blue Jay, Common Crow, House Wren, Robin, Blackburnian Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Northern (Baltimore) Oriole and Song Sparrow.

The following list of birds, comprising mostly singing males, compares the 1946 and 1976 breeding bird counts:

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1976</u>		<u>1946</u>	<u>1976</u>
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	Pileated Woodpecker	1	2
Ruffed Grouse	2	2	Hairy Woodpecker	1	1
Killdeer	-	2	Downy Woodpecker	2	1
Spotted Sandpiper	-	2Ad..3Y.	Great Crested Flycatcher	4	3
Mourning Dove	1	1	Eastern Phoebe	2	1Ad.N,2Y
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	3	1	Alder Flycatcher	-	1
Black-billed Cuckoo	5(3 N 2Y)	-	Least Flycatcher	-	2
Great Horned Owl	3(1Ad.2Y)	1	Eastern Wood Pewee	5	4
Ruby-thr.Hummingbird	1	1	Rough-winged Swallow	2 N	-
Belted Kingfisher	-	1	Blue Jay	3	3
Common Flicker	3	2	Common Crow	5	3

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	1946	1976		1946	1976
Black-capped Chickadee	11(7Ad.4Y)	4	Black-throated Green W.	9	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	2	Cerulean Warbler	-	1
Brown Creeper	-	2	Blackburnian Warbler	6	3
House Wren	2 N 7E	3	Chestnut-sided Warbler	7	1
Gray Catbird	1	1	Ovenbird	13 N 5E,N	1
American Robin	7	3	Louisiana Waterthrush	-	1
Wood Thrush	4 N 1E	4	Mourning Warbler	1	1
Veery	11 N 4E	4	Common Yellowthroat	1	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	-	1	Hooded Warbler	6	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	2	Canada Warbler	1	-
Cedar Waxwing	3	2	American Redstart	9 N	13
Starling	-	3	Red-winged Blackbird	1	2
Yellow-throated Vireo	2	1	Northern Oriole	4	5
Solitary Vireo	3	1	Brown-headed Cowbird	6	1
Red-eyed Vireo	16	5	Scarlet Tanager	6	3
Black-&-white Warbler	4	-	Cardinal	-	2
Golden-winged Warbler	2	-	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3 N 5E	4
Blue-winged Warbler	11	-	Indigo Bunting	5	-
Yellow Warbler	1	2	American Goldfinch	4	1
Magnolia Warbler	2	-	Rufous-sided Towhee	3	1
Black-throated Blue W.	2	-	Dark-eyed Junco	12	4
			Field Sparrow	5 N4 4Y	1
			Song Sparrow	5	3

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Comment: The great change in vegetation has reduced habitat for ground and low shrub nesting birds and has doubtless contributed to the lower numbers of members of the sparrow family and Ovenbirds, as well as such shrub nesting birds as Chestnut-sided and Hooded Warblers. However, we cannot account for the drop-off in such species as Red-eyed Vireos and Black-throated Green Warblers and the absence of Black-and-white Warblers in 1976.

It is quite possible that Red-tailed Hawk and Belted Kingfisher were visitors to the area, and may not have nested there. It is interesting to speculate what year the Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers left the area, and I hope that some reader of this article may be able to give us this information from observations made there over the years.

I am particularly indebted to Frances Rew, Chairman of the Research Committee, for arranging for the counts of breeding birds, and for the listing of each observation on the map of the Alexander Preserve. I am also very grateful to those who took part in the counts, including Robert and Patricia Andrie, Ed Fessler, and Marcy Foster, Carolyn Frank, Clara Henderson, Brad Lown, Douglas Happ, Ed Schrader, Pauline Schwartz and Alice Ulrich. Without their help this year's census would not have been possible. Thank you all.

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ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

B.O.S. Trip along Canadian Shore of Lake Erie, September 12, 1976

Pleasant weather and prospects for good birding lured thirteen birders to attend the B.O.S. field trip along the Canadian Shore of Lake Erie on September 12, 1976.

The first stop provided a Franklin's Gull among the scores of Bonaparte's and Ring-billed Gulls feeding on foundered caddis flies on the lawn at the Fort Erie end of the Peace Bridge.

At several spots along Erie Beach and at Waverly Beach there were small groups of shorebirds that unsuccessfully defied identification as they rested or foraged between the observers and the low morning sun. The Erie Beach woods upheld its reputation as a productive birding location during the fall migration as one or more large flocks of warblers, interspersed with frequent Swainson's Thrushes and other passerines, occupied our attention for some considerable time. Distractions included a Hummingbird harassing a Blue Jay, an immature Red-headed Woodpecker flying overhead, and a singing Carolina Wren.

A field beside Nigh Road provided eleven Golden Plover, and the Cement Road pond had a Lesser Scaup associating with four Pied-billed Grebes.

A Common Loon flew low over the waves just off the tip of Morgan's Point as we sat overlooking Lake Erie while eating our lunches and sympathizing with Marcia Foster after an encounter with a hornet that defended its self-assumed right to share her sandwich. In the woods at Morgan's a good variety of warblers rewarded our visit. It was here that we found our most unexpected birds of the day - two Golden-crowned Kinglets at such an unusually early date that verifying write-ups are required for the record.

The final stop was at Mud Lake, where there were several kinds of warblers and an assortment of ducks, including a surprising out-of-season Redhead.

The total for the trip was 79 species, including 8 kinds of ducks, 9 shorebirds, and 16 warblers.

Harold H. Axtell, R.R. #1, Fort Erie, Ontario

PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's clubroom at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

January 12th: 'Winter Woodpeckers in an Urban Environment.'  
Dorothy J. McMichael and David Wilcove. Observations of the large number of Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers attracted to the dead and dying elm trees in the Central Park section of Buffalo during the winter of 1975-76.

January 26th: 'Breeding Biology and Population Dynamics of the Red-tailed Hawk in Central Ohio.'  
During the 1975-76 academic year, B.O.S. member Gael Bissell was an undergraduate student at Ohio Wesleyan University and participated in a field survey of the Red-tailed Hawk in Delaware County, Ohio in an independent study funded in part by the Ohio Biological Survey. Ms. Bissell will tell us of the findings of this study.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

January 9th-16th: January Waterfowl Count of the New York State Federation of Bird Clubs. Sunday January 9th, is the target date but in case of inclement weather or other reasons, any day through January 16th is acceptable. Call the count coordinator, Alan Reckhow, at 876-0078 for assignment of territory.

January 16th: Field trip around the Niagara Loop..."Old Friends and New," a joint outing with members of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh area.) Co-leaders, Bob Andrie (tel. 649-5893) and Dave Freeland (tel. 688-4359). We will meet at Vermont Street and Busti Avenue near the Peace Bridge at 8:30 a.m.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler, Mr. David B. Freeland, 60 Haymarket Square, East Amherst, New York 14051.

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## THE MONTH

October was cloudy, cold and damp. Following six days of pleasant Indian Summer weather at the beginning of the period, it was unseasonably cold with precipitation in the form of rain or snow on most days until the end of the month. The first significant snowfall of the season occurred in the higher elevations of the Southern Tier counties on the evening of October 9th with a second, heavier fall up to six inches in the traditional snow belt south of Buffalo on the 21st, an ominous portent of things to come. A record low temperature for the date at the Buffalo Airport,  $23^{\circ}\text{(F)}$ , was registered on the 27th. The average temperature for the month was  $46.3^{\circ}\text{(F)}$ ,  $5.2^{\circ}$  below normal for the period. Precipitation measured 3.61 inches, including .2 of an inch of snow at the Buffalo Airport on the 21st. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport.)

The unsettled weather brought large flocks of migrating waterfowl into the area in October although no brant flight had been reported from the Lake Ontario flyway by month's end. The first major movement of Whistling Swans was reported from Chautauqua Lake, a favorite stop-over for this species in its autumn passage, on the 30th while Dave Bigelow counted 11 swans at Beaver Meadow in Wyoming County on the previous day. The Niagara River was filled with ducks all month including large numbers of all three species of scoters. Similar reports of heavy waterfowl concentrations were received from all parts of the study area but the only unusual species was a female King Eider, first seen at Niagara-on-the-Lake by Robert Andrle's party on the 31st. Three Parasitic Jaegers were reported off Hamburg Town Park and Sturgeon Point on Lake Erie on the October Bird Count. Other reports of this and other species of jaegers on Lake Ontario during the period were not verified. An immature Sabine's Gull was discovered among the Bonaparte's Gulls in the gorge below Niagara Falls by Andrle on the 31st. The first white-winged gull of the season, a second year Glaucous Gull, was also seen at that location at that time and a total of fifteen Little Gulls were seen in the



lower river at Queenston, also on that date.

Among the unusual birds seen in the area during the month was a Hudsonian Godwit reported on the October Bird Count from Grand Island, N.Y.

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Common Loon	October	23	19 Olcott	Andrle, et al.
<u>Little Blue Heron</u>	"	30	1 ad. Iroquois NWR	Freeland
Great Egret	"	1	3 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	3	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
	"	6	2 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	6	1 Iroquois NWR	Bauer, et al.
<u>Mute Swan</u>	"	1-30	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
<u>Whistling Swan</u>	"	29	11 Beaver Meadow	Bigelow, et al.
	"	30	53 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell
Canada Goose	"	3	345 Alfred area	Klingensmith
	"	6	250 Iroquois NWR	Bauer, et al.
	"	29	1754 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
Snow Goose	"	3	1 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
	"	6	2 Iroquois NWR	Bauer, et al.
Mallard	"	29	966 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
Black Duck	"	29	64 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
Gadwall	"	23	200 Iroquois NWR	Andrle, et al.
	"	29	89 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
	"	30	210 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
American Wigeon	"	5	2000 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	29	571 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
	"	30	400 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
Northern Shoveler	"	23	11 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Redhead	"	20	100 Iroquois NWR	Olsen, Riexinger
Ring-necked Duck	"	23	200 Bond's Lake	Klabundes

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Canvasback	October	23	3 Olcott	Andrle, et al.
	"	29	3 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
	"	30	800 Mayville	Sundell
Greater Scaup	"	23	1000 4-Mi.Creek S.P.	Klabundes
Common Goldeneye	"	19	3 Buffalo(Porter Ave.)	Freeland
	"	23	19 Olcott	Andrle, et al.
Bufflehead	"	23F	2 Olcott	Andrle, et al.
	"	23F	2 4-Mi.Creek S.P.	Klabundes
	"	25	50 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Oldsquaw	"	17	1 Alfred area	Brooks
King Eider	"	31F	1 Niagara-on-the Lake, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
White-winged Scoter		13	3 Amity Lake	Pitzricks
Surf Scoter	"	30	5 Dewittville	Sundell
Black Scoter	"	19	85 Buffalo(Porter Ave.,)	Freeland
	"	19	85 Ft.Erie, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Ruddy Duck	"	3	12 Bond's Lake	Klabundes
	"	30	200 Pt.Chautauqua	Sundell
Hooded Merganser	"	29	35 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
Common Merganser	"	29F	6 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
Red-breasted Merganser		19	10 Buffalo(Porter Ave.,)	Freeland
Turkey Vulture	"	13L	1 Alfred area	Brooks
	"	13L	7 Iroquois NWR	Morse
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	3,5	1,1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	13	1 Iroquois NWR	Reixinger
	"	16	1 Yorks Corners	Brooks,Burtons, et al.
Cooper's Hawk	"	2	1 Tifft Farm	Andrle, et al.
	"	2	1 Cuba Marsh	Burtons, et al.
	"	19	1 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	30	1 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
Red-shouldered Hawk		5,12	1,2 Alfred area	Brooks
Rough-legged Hawk	"	21	1 Wheatfield	Klabundes
	"	23	1 Amherst	Freeland
	"	23	2 Arkwright	Rew
Bald Eagle	"	2	1 (imm.)Iroquois NWR	Olsen
Osprey	"	5	1 Almond Dam	Klingensmith
	"	5	1 Tifft Farm	Happ
	"	6,25L	1,1 Iroquois NWR	Morse
	"	8	1 Belmont	B.Burton
	"	10	1 Kinzua Res.	Happ,Harrington
Peregrine Falcon	"	30	1 Tonawanda,WMA	Freeland
Virginia Rail	"	5	1 Iroquois NWR	Riexinger
Sora	"	5L	2 Iroquois NWR	Riexinger
Killdeer	"	22	105 (1 field)Cheektowaga	Freeland
	"	23	93 (1 flock) Fredonia	Rew
American Golden Plover		3	45 Clarence	McKales
	"	16L	10 Hamburg	Andrle, et al.

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American Woodcock	October	15L	1 Amity	Pitzricks
Common Snipe	"	24	1 Times Beach	Freeland
Spotted Sandpiper	"	17L	6 N. Falls, Ont.	Klabundes
Willet	"	2,30	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	24	1 Times Beach	Freeland
Greater Yellowlegs	"	24	8 Times Beach	Freeland
	"	29	14 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
	"	23	2 4-Mi. Creek S.P.	Klabundes
Lesser Yellowlegs	"	24	1 Times Beach	Freeland
	"	30L	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	11	3 Clarence	Freeland
	"	29L	1 Iroquois NWR	Morse, et al.
Dunlin	"	17	8 N. Falls, Ont.	Klabundes
	"	23	216 (mig.) Olcott	Andrle, et al.
	"	23	5 Dunkirk Harbor	Rew
	"	23	20 4-Mi. Creek S.P.	Klabundes
	"	24	39 Times Beach	Freeland
	"	26	2 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	27	2 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Semipalmated Sandpiper		31	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
* Red Phalarope	"	11F	2 off Pt. Weller, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	23	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	McMichael
Glaucous Gull	"	31F	1 N. Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Herring Gull	"	17	2000 N. Falls, Ont.	Klabundes
Ring-billed Gull	"	17	22,500 Niagara Gorge	Klabundes
Franklin's Gull	"	19	1 Buffalo (Porter Ave.,)	Freeland
	"	24	1 Times Beach	Freeland
	"	31	6 N. Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Little Gull	"	17	2 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	17	1 N. Falls, Ont.	Klabundes
	"	24	2 Times Beach	Freeland
	"	31	15 Queenston, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
* Sabine's Gull	"	31	1 (imm.) N. Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Common Tern	"	17	3000 N. Falls, Ont.	Klabundes
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	"	11L	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Chimney Swift	"	2	18 East Amherst	Freeland
Red-bellied Woodpecker		30	1 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
Red-headed Woodpecker		4	1 Amity	V. Pitzrick
	"	23	5 Ft. Niagara	Klabundes
	"	23	2 4-Mi. Creek S.P.	Klabundes
Great Crested Flycatcher		2L	1 Tiffit Farm	Andrle, et al.
Empidonax flycatcher (sp.?)		16L	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Eastern Wood Pewee	"	9	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Tree Swallow	"	25	1 Hamburg (Pinehurst)	Andrle, et al.
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-31	2 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1-31	3 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	9	5 East Amherst	Freeland
	"	12	1 Grand Island	Klabundes

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House Wren	October	18L	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
Winter Wren	"	3F	5 Bond's Lake	Klabundes
Carolina Wren	"	1-31	2-3 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	2,31	1 Belmont	Burtions
	"	2	1 Belmont	V. Pitzrick
	"	3	2 Barcelona	Sundell
	"	20	1 Alfred area	Brooks
	"	23	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	McMichael
	"	26	1 North Buffalo	McMichael
Long-billed Marsh Wren		3L	2 Times Beach	McKales
Mockingbird	"	15-31	1 Belmont	Burtions
	"	17	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	27	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
Gray Catbird	"	1-15	2-3 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	28L	1 Snyder	DeKleine
Brown Thrasher	"	6	1 Snyder	DeKleine
Wood Thrush	"	6	1 Alfred area	Brooks
	"	11L	1 Cheektowaga	Off
Hermit Thrush	"	3	22 Barcelona	Sundell
	"	24	6 Times Beach	Freeland
Swainson's Thrush	"	7	1 Alfred area	Brooks
Gray-cheeked Thrush	"	3L	3 Barcelona	Sundell
	"	3L	1 Bond's Lake	Klabundes
Eastern Bluebird	"	1,2	3,2 Belmont	Burtions
	"	1,2,4,5,6	7,8,3,2,1 Amity	Pitzricks
	"	6	3 Iroquois NWR	Bauer, et al.
	"	16	2 Alfred area	Brooks, et al.
	"	23	14 Arkwright	Rew
	"	24	27 Collins	McKales
Golden-crowned Kinglet		16	40 East Amherst	Freeland
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	"	1-31	4-7 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	3	150 Bond's Lake	Klabundes
	"	26	2 West Falls	Matlocks
Water Pipit	"	1	2 Iroquois NWR	Olsen
	"	2	95 Tifft Farm	Andrle, et al.
	"	3,17	62,75 Clarence	McKales
	"	11,16	5,4 Clarence	Freeland
Cedar Waxwing	"	1-31	31 Orchard Park	Saville
	"	2	40 Buckhorn Is. S.P.	Klabundes
	"	30	50 Iroquois NWR	Freeland
Northern Shrike	"	23F	1 Ransomville	Klabundes
Solitary Vireo	"	4	2 Amity	V. Pitzrick
	"	4	1 Alfred area	Klingensmith
	"	17L	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Tennessee Warbler	"	8	2 East Amherst	Freeland
	"	11L	1 Clarence	Freeland
Orange-crowned Warbler		8 L	1 East Amherst	Freeland

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Nashville Warbler	October	18,23L	1,3	Alfred area	Brooks
"	"	20	1	Hamburg	Foster
Magnolia Warbler	"	2	1	Buckhorn Is. S.P.	Klabundes
Cape May Warbler	"	9,14L	1,2	East Amherst	Freeland
Black-throated Blue Warbler	"	3	1	Bond's Lake	Klabundes
"	"	11L	1	Clarence	Freeland
Black-throated Green Warbler	"	1-25L	1-3	Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	4	1	Amity	V. Fitzrick
"	"	25L	1	East Amherst	Freeland
Bay-breasted Warbler	"	16L	1	East Amherst	Freeland
Blackpoll Warbler	"	2	1	Buckhorn Is. S.P.	Klabundes
Palm Warbler	"	10	1	Allegany S.P.	Happ, Harrington
"	"	17L	1	East Amherst	Freeland
Ovenbird	"	11L	1	Amherst	Happ
Common Yellowthroat	"	2	1	Buckhorn Is. S.P.	Klabundes
"	"	8	1	East Amherst	Freeland
Eastern Meadowlark	"	23	27	(1 flock) Arkwright	Rew
Northern Oriole	"	4	1	East Amherst	Freeland
Rusty Blackbird	"	3	40	Elma	Freeland
"	"	3	35	Bond's Lake	Klabundes
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	"	3	1	Spring Brook	Danner
Purple Finch	"	1-31	1-2	Belmont	Burtons
"	"	16	4	Alfred area	Brooks, et al.
House Finch	"	1-31	6-8	Eggertsville	McKales
"	"	1-31	1-3	Belmont	Burtons
Rufous-sided Towhee	"	18-26	4	Orchard Park	Saville
Savannah Sparrow	"	27	1	Elma	Danner
Vesper Sparrow	"	23	4	Charlotte	Rew
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	"	6-11,24	1	East Amherst	Freeland
Tree Sparrow	"	26F	1	Times Beach	Happ
"	"	26F	1	Amherst	Gibson, Happ
"	"	27,28	2,1	Belmont	Burtons
Chipping Sparrow	"	24-26	1	Orchard Park	Saville
"	"	26	1	Alfred area	Klingensmith
Field Sparrow	"	23	1	Arkwright	Rew
"	"	26	1	Snyder	DeKleine
White-crowned Sparrow	"	1-15,16-31	1-12,12-5	Belmont	Burtons
"	"	1-25	2-9	Amity Lake	Pitzricks
"	"	5	18	Snyder	DeKleine
"	"	5-26	4	Orchard Park	Saville
"	"	13,16,17	3,12,6	Alfred area	Brooks, et al.
White-throated Sparrow	"	3	100	Bond's Lake	Klabundes
Fox Sparrow	"	1F	1	Orchard Park	Saville
"	"	17	1	East Amherst	Freeland
Lincoln's Sparrow	"	24L	1	Times Beach	Freeland

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Lapland Longspur	October	24F	1 Times Beach	Freeland
Snow Bunting	"	24F	25 Cheektowaga	R. Hull
	"	29	7 Cheektowaga	Freeland
	"	30	1 Maple Springs	Sundell

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year . . . . . 273

Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue . . . . . 5\*\*

Total for year . . . . . 278

\*\* -- Includes 3 on October Count.

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Report of October Bird Count

compiled by Bradley A. Lown

Date: October 10, 1976

Weather Conditions: Cloudy with occasional rain in morning, clearing with sunshine in the afternoon. Winds were variable 10-25 mph.

Following is a list of species recorded on the count and the total number of each species. Underlined common names indicate that an acceptable written verification has been received and placed in the permanent files of the Society. Figures in parenthesis indicate area number where the species was observed when it was recorded in three or fewer areas.

LOONS - MERGANSERS

Common Loon	3 (14,23,26)	Black Duck	263
Horned Grebe	17	Gadwall	82
Pied-billed Grebe	169	Pintail	25 (3,5,10)
D.-crest Cormorant	3 (23,24,25)	Green-w. Teal	146
Gr. Blue Heron	104	Blue-w. Teal	32
Green Heron	3 (8,9,13)	Am. Wigeon	704
Great Egret	1 (19)	N. Shoveler	2 (14)
Bl. cr. Night Heron	4 (11)	Wood Duck	109
Amer. Bittern	1 (26)	Redhead	19
Mute Swan	1 (11)	Ring-necked Duck F	328
Whistling Swan	1 (12)	Canvasback F	7 (27)
Canada Goose	13,383	Greater Scaup F	3469 (3,7,14)
* Brant	13 (11)	Lesser Scaup	27 (3,5,117)
Mallard	2,828	Common Goldeneye F	1 (14)

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Loons - Mergansers

Old Squaw F	1 (11)	Ruddy Duck	55 (3,5,10)
White-w. Scoter F	44 (3,14)	Hooded Merganser	42 (10,19)
Surf Scoter F	34 (8, 14)	Red-br. Merganser F	29 (3,14)
Black Scoter F	43 (8,14,26)		

Vultures - Rails

Turkey Vulture	35	Ruffed Grouse	26
Goshawk	2 (28)	Ring-n. Pheasant	45
Sharp-sh. Hawk	10	Turkey	48
Cooper's Hawk	8	Broad-wing. Hawk	3 (27,28)
Red-tailed Hawk	162	<u>Rough-leg. Hawk</u>	1 (14)
Red-shouldered Hawk	7	Virginia Rail L	1 (26)
Marsh Hawk	34	Com. Gallinule	8 (3)
Osprey	5	Am. Coot	483
Am. Kestrel	113		

Shorebirds

Semipalm. Plover	1 (21)	Lesser Yellowlegs	1 (10)
Killdeer	677	Red Knot	3 (8)
Am. Golden Plover	6 (7)	Pectoral Sandpiper	11 (14)
Black-bell. Plover	4 (11,14)	W-rump. Sandpiper	3 (12,25)
Am. Woodcock	10	Dunlin	150
Common Snipe	13 (;4,23,25)	*Semipalm. Sandpiper	28
Spotted Sandpiper	4	<u>Hudsonian Godwit</u>	1 (9)
Solitary Sandpiper	1 (10)	Sanderling	102
Greater Yellowlegs	15 (5,10,12)	Ruddy Turnstone L	1 (7)

Gulls - Flycatchers

*Parasitic Jaeger	3 (14)	Pileated Woodpecker	6 (14,26,28)
Gr. Black-b. Gull	23	Red-b. Woodpecker	6
Herring Gull	665	Red-h. Woodpecker	15
Ring-b. Gull	8394	Yellow-b. Sapsucker	26
Franklin's Gull	1 (14)	Rock Dove	1462
Bonaparte's Gull	662	Mourning Dove	538
Little Gull	1 (11)	Yellow-b. Cuckoo	1 (3)
Common Tern	1218	Screech Owl	3 (3,11,23)
Black Tern	2 (9)	Gr. Horned Owl	4
Com. Nighthawk	1 (24)	Short-eared Owl	1 (25)
Chimney Swift L	64 (8,12,23)	Hairy Woodpecker	91
Ruby-t. Hummingbird L	1 (7)	Downy Woodpecker	179
Belted Kingfisher	81	Eastern Phoebe	103
Common Flicker	135	E. Wood Pewee L	2 (11,28)

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Lark - Thrushes

Horned Lark (praticola)	74	Winter Wren	40
Tree Swallow	339	Carolina Wren	15
Barn Swallow L	20 (8,27)	Short-b. Marsh Wren L	1 (10)
Purple Martin L	15 (8)	Mockingbird	4 (3,14,28)
Blue Jay	1134	Gray Catbird	32
Common Crow	2286	Brown Thrasher	3 (10,14,21)
Black-c. Chickadee	1091	Am. Robin	2195
Rufted Titmouse	17	Wood Thrush	10 (16,28)
White-br. Nuthatch	143	Hermit Thrush	68
Red-br. Nuthatch	44	Swainson's Thrush L	6
Brown Creeper	33	Eastern Bluebird	114
House Wren	13		

Kinglets - House Sparrows

Golden-cr. Kinglet	590	Bl. and w. Warbler	3 (8,14)
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	545	Tennessee Warbler	1 (20)
Water Pipit	209	Nashville Warbler	8
Cedar Waxwing	701	Magnolia Warbler L	9
Loggerhead Shrike	3 (10,13,28)	Cape May Warbler	10
Bl. Thr. Bl. Warbler	7 (8,9,14)	Bay-br. Warbler	7
Yellow-r. Warbler	1566	Blackpoll Warbler L	3 (11,14)
Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler	22	Pine Warbler	3 (11,27)
Blackburn. Warbler	4 (11,13)	Palm Warbler	18
Chestnut-s. Warbler	2 (14)	Com. Yellowthroat	15
Starling	25,063	Wilson's Warbler L	4 (10)
Solitary Vireo	6	Amer. Redstart L	4
Red-eyed Viero L	3 (3,14)	House Sparrow	4315

Blackbirds - Finches

E. Meadowlark	262	Rufous-s. Towhee	63
Red-w. Blackbird	14,070	Savannah Sparrow	23
Rusty Blackbird	937	Henslowe's Sparrow	1 (3)
Common Grackle	3,353	Vesper Sparrow	26
Brown-l. Cowbird	1,936	Darkeyed Junco	1,594
Cardinal	192	* (Oregon Junco	1) (11)
Rose-br. Grosbeak	5 (19,24,25)	Tree Sparrow F.	7 (9,10)
Evening Grosbeak	4 (17)	Chipping Sparrow	255
Purple Finch	50	Field Sparrow	182
House Finch	29	Wh.-cr. Sparrow	377
Pine Siskin	9 (13,17)	Wh.-thr. Sparrow	1,736
Amer. Goldfinch	1,286	Fox Sparrow	8

\*(Oregon Junco: not species)



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Blackbirds - Finches cont.

Lincoln's Sparrow	2 (26,28)	Song Sparrow	1,265
Swamp Sparrow	76	Lapland Longspur F	2 (25)
Total Species	174		
Total Individuals	106,233		

Comments: The 174 species recorded is the second highest ever for the October Count; however, the total number of individuals was the second lowest since 1963. The following comparisons are worthy of note.

Loons - Mergansers: This count was particularly marked by high number of waterfowl. Highest numbers ever were recorded for Great Egret, Canada Goose, Mallard, Gadwall and Ring-necked Ducks. Other species with high count were Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Mute Swan, Brant, Greater Scaup, Black Scoter and Ruddy Duck. The only species notably low was the Green Heron.

Vultures - Rails: Two Goshawks were the highest ever on the count and the first reported since 1953. Numbers for Ruffed Grouse and Ring-necked Pheasant were low.

Shorebirds - Gulls-Flycatchers: Shorebirds were characterized by high counts for Red Knot, White-rumped Sandpiper, Dunlin, Semi.-palmated Sandpiper and Hudsonian Godwit. Both American Woodcock and Lesser Yellowlegs numbers were low. Gulls were somewhat down with low counts for Great Black-backed Gull and Herring Gull. Three Parasitic Jaegers was the highest ever on the count. Mourning Dove numbers were high while the Common Flicker and Downy Woodpecker numbers were low.

Larks - Thrushes: Swallow numbers were up with high counts for Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow and Purple Martin. The Carolina Wren count was the highest ever and Wood Thrush numbers were also high. Low counts were recorded in White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, American Robin and Swainson's Thrush.

Kinglets - Finches: Henslow's Sparrow was recorded for the first time ever on the count. Other species with high numbers included Loggerhead, Shrike, Pine Warbler, Evening Grosbeak and House Finch. Species that were low included Starling, Orange crowned

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Kinglet - Finches, cont. Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Rufous-sided Towhee and Savannah Sparrow.

Territories of the study area of the B.O.S. and observers. Names of compilers are underlined.

1. Fonthill, Ont. not covered
2. Thorold, Ont. - Ralph Gardiner, Mr. & Mrs. Denys Gardiner.
3. Wilson, N.Y. - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Klabunde, and Gerald Farrell.
4. Middleport, N.Y. - Ed Fessler, and Bob Schrader.
5. Oak Orchard - John Morse, Bill Rebovich and Pat Riexinger.
6. Port Maitland, Ont. - not covered.
7. Lowbanks, Ont. - H.L. Lancaster, and A.J. Smith.
8. Fort Erie, Ont. - Ralph Gardiner, R.L. Sommerville, Mr. & Mrs. Denys Gardiner.
9. Grand Island, N.Y. - H.D. Mitchell, Brian Lewandowski, Stanley King, Joe Stein, Robert Off.
10. Akron, N.Y. - Pauline Schwartz, Alice Ulrich and Clara Henderson.
11. Buffalo, N.Y. - David Freeland, Robert Schwartz, Linda Freeland
12. Lancaster, N.Y. - Marie Wendling, Anna Bauer, Ima Bill, Fred & Dorothy Danner, Ray Franz, Gertrude Webster & Cy Wolfling.
13. Batavia, N.Y. - Jane and Max Mason, George Mahaney, Gordon Solway, Eileen & Robert Hull, Don Thuran, Marge & Richard Pixley.
14. Hamburg, N.Y. - Evelyn Rochester, Robert and Patricia Andrie, Joseph & John Thill, Joseph Hauser, Dorothy McMichael, Marcya Foster, Patricia Firey, Myles R. Firey, Jr., Fred & Elsie Webb, Bob and Evie Mauser, Polly Pruss, Anna Mae Bacon, James & Mary Brady, Craig Morris, Johanna & Franz Walter.
14. Java, N.Y. - No report
16. Angola, N.Y. - Marie Wendling, Cynthia Millard, Ann Bauer, Eve Paulson, Connie Hendershot.
17. Cattaraugus, N.Y. - Carilyn Frank, Audrey Horbeth.
18. Delevan, N.Y. - Mr. & Mrs. Don Clark
19. Fillmore, N.Y. - Allegany County Bird Club Mrs. Katherine Palmer, Marjorie Main, Mrs. Jean Perry, Mrs. David Richardson, Larry Wilson, Victor Carpenter, Andrew Muller, John Nelson, Miss Ruth Gilmon, Lintner Maxson, Mrs. Faye Clancy, Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Howden.
20. Silver Creek, N.Y. - Frances M. Rew, Lois Buck.

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Territories & study area-October bird count, cont.

21. Cherry Creek, N.Y. - Jamestown Audubon Society, Robert Sundell, Clarence Beal, Gretchen Carlson, Otto Carlson, David Cooney, C. Freeman, Jennie Freeman, Dorothy Fihlblad, Carol Roby.
22. Sherman, N.Y. - Not covered
23. Frewsburg, N.Y. - Jamestown Audubon Society, Robert Sundell, Joyce Bohall, Donald Bohall, Richard Bohall, Geraldine Caswell, Annabelle Hiller, Stephen Maggio, Archie Richardson.
24. Allegany State Park - Doug Happ, Jim Harrington.
25. Allegany, N.Y. - John and Mary Forness, David & John Aceti, Dorothy Balser, Roy Doty, Steve W. Eaton, LaDonna Fox, Fred Meyer.
26. Cuba, N.Y. - Allegany Bird Club, Mr. & Mrs. Lou Burton, Mrs. John Jordon, Ann and Morris Scott, Leonard Benjamin, Kathleen Brown, Alice Driscoll, Mrs. Frank Resch, Mrs. Benson Smith, Mrs. Neal Wilson, Helen Goldthwait, Alfred Voorhies, Mr. & Mrs. John Compton.
27. Bolivar, N.Y. - Allegany County Bird Club, Doris Burton, Ann Scott, Mrs. Celestia Abbott, Mrs. Anna Ayers, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Carrier, Joseph Carrier, Mrs. Edwin Hunt, Laura Ingram, Robert Keople, Mildred Marshall, Mrs. Nina McMindes, Robert Swartz, Mrs. Alton Case, Mrs. Helen Apsey, Frances DeGroff, Marjorie Richmond, Mr. & Mrs. Mott Campbell, Erma Larson, Christine Ferrand, Mary Rosa, Helen Shean, George Hawkins.
28. Alfred, N.Y. - Allegany County Bird Club, Vivian Pitzrick, Elizabeth Brooks, Doris & Lou Burton, Grace Buckley, Doris Burdick, Dale & Evelyn Coats, Mary Alice and Paul Fuller, Robert & Virginia McCauley, Raymond Pitzrick, David and Ona Reynolds, Bernadine Stein, Dorothy Boyless, Joy & Louise Gibson, Viola Ide, Luella Lewis, Linn and Helene Phelan, Allen & Gladys Wilfer, Vivien Carr, Lorri Chapman, Larry & Harriet Deverell, Pete & Jenny Finlay, Eddy & Alice Foster, Clarence Klingensmith, Dave & Carol Lewis, Cathy MacDonald, Everett & Agnes Rhodes, Helen Thomas.

Total number of observers: . . . 193

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Erie County Television Tower Casualties: 1976

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Bird casualties were picked up throughout the fall at WGR-TV (Warner Hill Rd., Town of Wales,) WKBW-TV (Center Rd., Town of Colden) and WBEN-TV (Center Rd., Town of Colden.) This fall marked the tenth year of this ongoing study. Visits to the towers were made on mornings following nights with mostly overcast skies, northerly winds, and when migrants were heard calling in the late evening. A total of 487 birds (including parts of birds judged to represent a casualty) of 58 species was collected on more than 18 visits between August 26 and October 25. The results are shown on the following table which gives species accounts for the six kill dates with 25 or more individuals. Kill dates with fewer than 25 individuals and findings of older remains are merged into the 'Other' column, to give a more complete picture of the numbers of birds killed.

This year's total of 487 birds was well below the ten-year average of 831 birds and less than 25% of 1975's total of 2,179 birds. Fluctuations such as this are to be expected and reflect the variability of the weather, especially the timing of the passage of frontal systems. Of the 58 species found, two (Yellow-breasted Chat and Hooded Warbler) were new to the study, bringing the ten-year total to 99 species. Feather remains of two additional new species (American Woodcock and Saw-whet Owl) were also found during the past fall but could not be definitely ascribed to tower casualties. The American Bittern and the Virginia Rail represent only the second time these have been found at local kills. The Connecticut Warbler was found on September 30, 1976 although it had been dead for at least one day. Both records of Yellow-breasted Chat are beyond the date given in the B.O.S.'s 'Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario' (fourth edition, 1976), as was an injured, recovered, and released individual found at WKBW-TV on October 12, 1967. For the first time in three years, the total number of Blackpoll Warblers exceeded the total number of Bay-breasted Warblers, although by a narrow margin. In the first seven years of the study Blackpolls significantly outnumbered Bay-breasts whereas in 1974 and 1975, the reverse occurred. The reasons behind this phenomenon are a subject for future study. Finally, the 21 Canada Warblers picked up on September 2, 1976 represent an all-time high for local kills and an inland fall maxima for New York State (Bull, Birds of New York State, 1974.)

The assistance of Arthur Schaffner in retrieving birds on September 17, 21, 28 and several of the 'Other' dates is gratefully acknowledged.

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TOWER KILL SPECIES lists for 1976:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>DATES</u>							Total
	9/2	9/17	9/21	9/28	10/8	10/9	Other	
1. American Bittern			1					1
2. Virginia Rail				1				1
3. Sora				1				1
4. Common Flicker				1				1
5. Yellow-b. Sapsucker				1				1
6. Yellow-b. Flycatcher							1	1
7. Traill's Flycatcher	2							2
8. Least Flycatcher	1						2	3
9. Red-br. Nuthatch							1	1
10. Brown Creeper		1	1	1			1	4
11. House Wren		1		1				2
12. Winter Wren				1				1
13. Gray Catbird		1	1		1			3
14. Wood Thrush		2		4			2	8
15. Hermit Thrush				2				2
16. Swainson's Thrush	1	6	19	13	1	1	7	48
17. Gray-ch. Thrush		1	8	6	1		2	18
18. Veery			3	3			5	11
19. Golden-cr. Kinglet				2	7	9		18
20. Ruby-cr. Kinglet				5	5	6	3	19
Unident. Kinglet (parts)					1	1		2
21. Starling							1	1
22. Solitary Vireo			2		1			3
23. Red-eyed Vireo	10	5	4	1			12	32
24. Philadelphia Vireo		6	2	1	1			10
25. Bl.-&-w. Warbler	4	4	2		1	1	7	19
26. Golden-w. Warbler	1							1
27. Tennessee Warbler	3	1		1			3	8
28. Orange-cr. Warbler						1	1	2
29. Nashville Warbler	1	5	2		1	1		10
30. Magnolia Warbler	1	9	3	3	2		3	21
31. Cape May Warbler	2		3					5
32. Bl.-thr. Bl. Warbler	2	8		2	6	4	3	25
33. Yellow-r. Warbler				1	1	1		3
34. Bl.-thr. Gr. Warbler		1				1		2
35. Cerulean Warbler							1	1
36. Blackburn. Warbler	4						3	7
37. Chestnut-s. Warbler	1	5	1	1			3	11
38. Bay-br. Warbler	3	3	4	3			5	18
39. Blackpoll Warbler	1	6	7	2	3	1	2	22
40 Ovenbird	5	11	2	3	2		10	33

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Tower Kill Species List for 1976, cont.

<u>SPECIES</u>	9/2	9/17	9/21	9/28	10/8	10/9	Other	Total
41. Nor. Waterthrush	1		2	1	1			5
42. Conn. Warbler							1	1
43. Mourning Warbler	3	1					2	6
44. Common Yellowthroat		2	2		6		1	11
45. Yellow-br. Chat			1		1			2
46. Hooded Warbler		1						1
47. Canada Warbler	21			1	1			23
48. Amer. Redstart	4	11	1	2			4	22
49. Bobolink							1	1
50. Scarlet Tanager		1	1					2
51. Rose-br. Grosbeak	1	6	6	1	2		3	19
52. Savannah Sparrow		1	1					2
53. Dark-eyed Junco							1	1
54. Chipping Sparrow							1	1
55. Wh.-cr. Sparrow				1				1
56. Wh.-thr. Sparrow				4			1	5
57. Lincoln's Sparrow			1					1
58. Song Sparrow			1					1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	72	99	81	70	45	27	93	487
TOTAL SPECIES	21	25	26	30	19	10	31	58

NOTES

Winter Bird Census

Last year the Research Committee of the B.O.S. initiated a continuing study of the "southern" birds wintering in the B.O.S. territory. Based upon last years results there have been a few changes instituted for this year. (1) The House Finch has been dropped from the study. Thus, the remaining four species are:

Tufted Titmouse

Carolina Wren

Mockingbird  
Cardinal

(2) Reports will be sent in only once a month. (3) The location should be specified as closely as possible however we are dropping the use of the B.O.S. territory coordinate system. (4) We would like participants to send in a brief report even if they have not observed the species during that month. This will give us the important information that these species are not in certain locations which is just as important as where they are. (5) This year the study will cover the four months from December 1, 1976 through March 31, 1977.

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Winter Bird Census, cont.

We would like every member of the society, as well as anyone else who observes birds in this area to send us a report of each individual observation of birds of these four species whether it is in the field or at a feeder. Please report the date of observation, locality (as specifically as possible), number of birds seen and if the observation was at a feeder or in the field. This is a record of each observation so if you have one cardinal visit your feeder every day for a week you would report 7 separate observations (one per day). Thus, all that it will require of you is to keep a list of each observation of any of the 4 species and to send this list to us. It is easier to tabulate and analyze these data if each species is listed on a separate page. Please submit reports for the month within the first 5 days of the succeeding month. Please mail reports to the following:

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Melanistic Red-tailed Hawk observed at Iroquois Refuge

At approximately 10:30 A.M. on October 30, 1976, while birding along the feeder canal road north of Route 77 on the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, I noted a large, dark buteo rising into view from behind a line of deciduous trees. It was the size of a Red-tailed Hawk and displayed the Red-tail body bulk, tail and wing characteristics. But I could determine no color pattern on the underparts.

Being an overcast day with medium-heavy clouds, I watched carefully to check field marks. As it circled closer, occasionally flapping to gain or maintain an altitude of perhaps 150-200 feet, I could make out the very deep reddish color apparently "showing through" the tail. But the white chest of the typical Red-tail was not evident.

I switched from binoculars to telescope, focused in at 25-30 power, and saw that the bird was indeed almost completely dark below. What seemed to be dark brown or black longitudinal streaks covered the underparts of the body from head to lower abdomen. There was no break in this pattern. The tail was streaked, too, but basically a medium-dark gray with the deep red hue apparent at the proper viewing angle. The wings were very dark close to the body and well along the under wing linings. The primaries and secondaries were a lighter shade of gray, the only pattern of different shading (save the tail) breaking the darkly streaked under-surface of the entire bird.

The bird's closest approach was approximately 150 yards, slant angle, so I was convinced that the overall dark coloration was not simply the result of being unable to make out markings because of weather factors. Other Red-tails seen this day were obviously white-chested, the dark belly-band being routinely visible at much greater range than 150 yards.

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Melanistic Red-tailed Hawk observed at Iroquois Refuge, cont.

I have never observed the well-known dark phase Western Red-tailed Hawk, but neither had I ever before seen or heard described such a dark Eastern Red-tail. Whether the melanistic hawk was of one subspecies or the other could not be determined.

After several minutes, the bird circled off in a generally northeasterly direction, with the prevailing wind.

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#### PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's clubroom at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

- February 9th: 'Evolution of delayed reproduction in three species of the gull genus Larus', a talk by Alexis MacLean, a graduate student in biology at the University of Rochester. A native of Nova Scotia, Ms. MacLean completed her undergraduate work at McGill University in Montreal and received her Master's Degree from Acadia University in Nova Scotia. She is currently completing her dissertation for her Doctor's Degree at the University of Rochester studying the foraging abilities of juvenile vs. adult Bonaparte's, Ring-billed and Herring Gulls in an attempt to demonstrate the food foraging problems of the juveniles of these species as a cause of delayed reproduction. Ms. MacLean has studied these gulls on their breeding grounds and also on the Niagara River above and below Queenston, Ontario.
- February 23rd: 'Alaska and Places', an illustrated talk by Mr. Edward Beard, local wildlife photographer, including slides of birds and other wildlife taken in Spain, Alaska, British Columbia, Wyoming and the southern states. Mr. Beard's favorite photographic subjects are birds, especially the magnificent birds of prey.



PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

- February 13th: Field trip to the Jamestown area..."Snow Birding the Southern Tier." The trip will include a lunch stop at the new Roger Tory Peterson Interpretive Center at Burgeson Sanctuary where the Jamestown Audubon Society members will provide the oh-so welcome hot drinks. Co-leaders, Bob Sundell (tel. 485-1797, Jamestown) and Clarence Beal (tel. 484-0295, Jamestown.) We will car-pool in front of Hengerer's at the Seneca Mall, West Seneca, leaving at 8:00 a.m., sharp. Follow Thruway to Fredonia-Dunkirk exit, then Route 60 to gas station on Jamestown side of Route 17 Expressway overpass where local leaders will meet the group at 9:30 a.m.
- February 27th: Field trip to the Ontario Plain..."Winter in the Open Country". Co-leaders, Walt and Harriette Klabunde (tel. 754-4424, Lewiston) and Gael Bissell (tel. 632-4491, days and 832-2609, nights.) We will meet at the Tops Market parking lot on Route 104, Lewiston Village, at 8:30 a.m. Take Lewiston exit off 1-190 and follow route 265 and then route 104 downhill to meeting point.

Please mail records for each month not later than the FIFTH day of the following month to the compiler, Mr. David B. Freeland, 60 Haymarket Square, East Amherst, New York 14051.

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## THE MONTH

November was cloudy and cold with below average temperatures on all but five days of the period. A brief respite from the cold weather on the two days following Thanksgiving was followed by one of the most severe early winter storms on record. In the period from November 29th through December 5th, the Buffalo area experienced severe storm conditions during which there were high winds and considerable precipitation in the form of snow. During this time, several rapidly moving low pressure systems, followed by cold fronts, passed through the region bringing particularly wintry conditions, especially on November 30th and December 2nd, including heavy snowfalls derived substantially from moisture in winds hitting the open waters of Lake Erie. Total precipitation for the month at Buffalo, however, measured only 2.16 inches, 1.58 inches below normal for the period. The 31.3 inches of snow measured at the Greater Buffalo International Airport for November was a record amount for Buffalo derived from the heavy fall in the storm on the 30th. In the elevated regions south of Buffalo, snowfall for the month was considerably heavier. The mean temperature for the period was  $34.1^{\circ}$  (F),  $5.7^{\circ}$  below normal. (Meteorological data as recorded at Greater Buffalo International Airport and interpreted in part by Dr. Robert F. Andrie of the Buffalo Museum of Science.)

Weather factors aside, it was a most interesting month afield, especially for the Niagara River gull watchers on both sides of the border from Fort Erie to Niagara-on-the-Lake. In addition to the expected Ringbilled Herring and Bonaparte's Gulls in their thousands, there were many sightings of white-winged Glaucous and Iceland Gulls, indicating a major movement of Arctic larids into the area during the month. On November 13th, Robert Andrie and Arthur Clark collected "an immature Glaucous Gull type" near the mouth of the Niagara River at Niagara-on-the Lake. This bird, of the dimensions of a Glaucous Gull, had very dark wings, far darker than any Glaucous Gull in either man's experience. Judgment as to what it might be has been deferred until collections in major museums in the United States and

and Canada can be studied and the opinions of experts in the systematics of the sometimes bewildering genus Larus sought.

Dave Freeland reported 150 Greater Black-backed Gulls on the Niagara River during a field trip on November 14th. On that date, also, an immature Black-headed Gull was seen by Freeland and a party of Hamilton (Ont.) birders at Niagara Falls. An adult of this species was subsequently seen by Robert Andrie and a party of local birders at Niagara-on-the-Lake among an estimated 25,000 Bonaparte's Gulls on November 28th. On this memorable occasion, the same group also observed an adult Lesser Black-backed Gull in the upper rapids at Niagara Falls. It was probably the same bird first seen there one week earlier by Harold Axtell who also reported an immature Lesser Black-backed Gull from that locale on the 23rd. The immature Sabine's Gull, first reported in these pages last month and an immature Black-legged Kittiwake completes the list of interesting rare gulls observed at Niagara Falls in November.

The first Snowy Owl of the season was reported by Dr. Somerville from Niagara Falls on November 11th. A second Snowy Owl, photographed in Great Valley, N.Y. gained a degree of notoriety on the pages of a local newspaper, but by month's end it was apparent that there was no major southward movement of this owl at this time. On November 5th, the remains of a small owl were recovered under a window of the Industrial Building at Welland, Ontario by an unidentified woman who called Mrs. Katherine McKeever at Vineland, Ontario to describe her find. Mrs. McKeever, who has gained an international reputation for her work in healing injured birds of prey, especially owls, at her Vineland home, identified the bird as a Boreal Owl, a very rare winter visitor to the Niagara Peninsula. It was the first indication this owl has reached our study area although several reports of a southward movement in Ontario during the month were received.

Other interesting records for the month include an Eared Grebe seen on the Niagara River at Chippawa, Ontario on November 7th; the female King Eider, first seen at Niagara-on-the-Lake in October, was observed several times at that location during November and another female (the same bird?) was reported from Erie Beach on the 19th by Freeland.

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#### NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

- \* - Indicates first record for the year
- F - Indicates first record for the migration
- L - Indicates last record for the migration
- (f) - Indicates record from feeding station

Underlined common names, dates or localities indicate that an acceptable, detailed written verification according to the 'Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and

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Adjacent Ontario (B.O.S.1976) has been received and placed in the permanent files of the Buffalo Ornithological Society.

*Red-throated Loon	November	1	1 Yates Twp.	Klabundes
Horned Grebe	"	6	80 No. Chautauqua Lake	Rew, et al. (BOS)
"	"	6	35 Barcelona	Rew, et al. (BOS)
*Eared Grebe	"	7	1 Chippawa, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Pied-billed Grebe	"	6	30 Mayville	Rew, et al. (BOS)
Great Blue Heron	"	24	1 Alfred area	Klingensmith
"	"	27	1 Cuba	Fornesses
Black-crowned Night Heron	"	28	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
Whistling Swan	"	6	27 Mayville	Rew, et al. (BOS)
"	"	11	1 East Amherst	Freeland
"	"	13	250 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Moe,
				Wallbergs
Canada Goose	"	13,18	33,21 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
"	"	27	308 Langford Pond	Rew, Buck
Mallard	"	27	230 Langford Pond	Rew, Buck
Gadwall	"	3	2 Cuba Lake	Burlons
"	"	7,21	4,4 Niagara Gorge	Klabundes
"	"	7	16 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, Clark, et al.
"	"	13	7 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Moe,
				Wallbergs
"	"	14	70 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
"	"	21	3 Niagara Gorge, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
"	"	28	4 Buckhorn Is., S.P.	Klabundes
Pintail	"	14	30 Grand Island	Freeland
"	"	21	40 Goat Island	Clark, Schaffner
"	"	27	20 N. Falls	Klabundes
"	"	28	25 Buckhorn Is., S.P.	Klabundes
Green-winged Teal	"	3	1 Cuba Lake	Burlons
"	"	19	2 Goat Island	Rew, Henderson,
				Schwartz
Blue-winged Teal	"	9	4 Buffalo (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
"	"	28	6 Buckhorn Is., S.P.	Klabundes
American Wigeon	"	21	220 Dufferin Is., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark,
				et al.
Northern Shoveler	"	13	1 Mayville	Sundell, Moe,
				Wallbergs
"	"	26	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Wilcove
"	"	28	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Redhead	"	6	350 Dewittville	Rew, et al (BOS)
Canvasback	"	21	3000 Niagara Falls	Schaffner, Clark
Greater Scaup	"	9	700 Buffalo (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
Bufflehead	"	7	1000 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Oldsquaw	"	7	500 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
King Eider	"	13	1 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
"	"	19	1 Erie Beach, Ont.	Freeland

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Surf Scoter	November	7	15 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	7	3 Niagara Gorge, Ont.	Andrle, Clark, et al.
	"	14	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
	"	19	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Freeland
	"	21	1 Niagara Gorge, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Black Scoter	"	7	15 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
	"	7	3 Niagara Gorge, Ont.	Andrle, Clark, et al.
	"	7	1 Niagara Gorge	Klabundes
	"	14	8 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
	"	19	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Freeland
	"	21	1 Niagara Gorge, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark
Ruddy Duck	"	3	6 Cuba Lake	Burtons
	"	6	78 Celoron	Sundell
	"	20	1 Grand Island	Wendling
Hooded Merganser	"	13	40 Chautauqua Lake	Sundell, Moe, Wallbergs
Common Merganser	"	21	500 Niagara Falls	Schaffner, Clark
Red-breasted Merganser	"	9	300 Buffalo (Porter Ave.)	Freeland
Sharp-shinned Hawk	"	11	1 Belmont	Burtons
	"	15, 23	1 Amity	Burtons
	"	29, 30	1, 1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Cooper's Hawk	"	1	1 Spring Brook	Danner
	"	1-3	1 Orchard Park	Saville
	"	10	1 Scio	Burtons
	"	30	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Rough-legged Hawk	"	1	1 Yates	Klabundes
	"	6	1 Amity	Burtons
	"	13	1 Amherst	Freeland
	"	21	1 Hinsdale	Fornesses
Marsh Hawk	"	5	1 Alfred area	Brooks
	"	13	1 Royalton Center	Klabundes
Killdeer	"	29	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell
Black-bellied Plover	"	21L	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Axtell
Common Snipe	"	3	3 Cuba Lake	Burtons
Purple Sandpiper	"	13F	3 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Foster, Andrle, et al.
	"	21	5 N. Falls	Schaffner, Clark
Pectoral Sandpiper	"	3L	3 Cuba Lake	Burtons
Dunlin	"	3	2 Cuba Lake	Burtons
	"	6	1 Amherst	Freeland, et al.
	"	7	7 Clarence	Freeland
	"	7	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
	"	19	16 Goat Island	Rew, Henderson Schwartz
	"	21	7 N. Falls	Schaffner, Clark
Red Phalarope	"	27	1 Point Gratiot	Andrles
Parasitic Jaeger	"	14	1 Hamburg	Foster

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Glaucous Gull	November	7	1 Niagara Gorge, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	13	1 Niagara Falls	McMichael, Frank Horbett
	"	13	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	21	1 Niagara Gorge, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
	"	21	1 Dufferin Is., Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
	"	21	1 Niagara Gorge	Klabundes
	"	27	1 Niagara Gorge	Wilcove, McMichael
Iceland Gull	"	13	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	13	1 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	14	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Freeland
	"	21	1 Sir Adam Beck, Ont.	Klabundes
	"	21	1 Sir Adam Beck, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
	"	21	1 Niagara Gorge, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
	"	27	1 Niagara Gorge	Wilcove
Great Black-backed Gull		14	150 Niagara River	Freeland, et al.
	"	21	35 Niagara Falls	Klabundes
*Lesser Black-backed Gull		7	1 (imm.) Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	21, 28	1 (ad.) Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell, et al.
	"	23, 29	1 (imm.) Niagara Falls, Ont.	Axtell
	"	27	1 (imm.) Niagara Gorge	Wilcove, McMichael
	"	28	1 (ad.) Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Herring Gull	"	14	22,000 Niagara River	Freeland, et al.
	"	21	10,000 Niagara Falls	Klabundes
Ring-billed Gull	"	7, 21	10,000; 10,000 Niagara Falls	Klabundes
	"	14	10,000 Niagara River	Freeland, et al.
*Black-headed Gull	"	14	1 (imm.) Niagara Falls, Ont.	Freeland, Epp, McLaughlin
	"	28	1 (ad.) Niagara-on-the-Lake	Andrle, et al.
Franklin's Gull	"	7, 13	10, 7 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	7	4 Niagara Gorge	Klabundes
	"	13	4 Niagara Falls	McMichael, Frank, Horbett
	"	14	10 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
	"	19	3 Niagara Falls	Rew, Henderson, Schwartz
	"	21	4 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.
	"	26	1 Niagara Gorge	Wilcove, McMichael
	"	28	7 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
Bonaparte's Gull	"	3	15,000 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	7	15,000 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	14	36,000 Niagara River	Freeland, et al.
	"	21	7,500 Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark, et al.



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Little Gull	November	3,27	4,1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	13	7 Queenston, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	13	1 Niagara Falls.	McMichael, Frank,
	"	14	3 Queenston, Ont.	Horbett
	"	19	2 Niagara Falls	Freeland, et al.
	"	21	1 Dufferin Is., Ont.	Rew, Henderson,
	"	21	2 Niagara Gorge	Schwartz
	"	26	2 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Schaffner, Clark,
	"	27	1 Barcelona	et al.
*Black-legged Kittiwake	"	7,13	1 (imm.) Niagara Falls, Ont.	Klabundes
	"	13	1 (imm.) Niagara Falls	Wilcove, McMichael
				Sundell
Sabine's Gull	"	7	1 (imm.) Niagara Falls, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	13	1 (imm.) Niagara Falls	McMichael, Frank,
	"	14	1 (imm.) Niagara Falls, Ont.	Horvett
Common Tern	"	7L	2 Niagara Gorge, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
Snowy Owl	"	11F	1 Niagara County	Schaffner, Clark
Belted Kingfisher	"	1-30	1-2 Belmont-Scio	Sommerville
	"	16,21	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Burtions
	"	25,27,28	1,1,1 Cuba	Sommerville
Common Flicker	"	1	1 Amity	Fornesses
	"	1-18	1-2 Spring Brook	V. Pitzrick
	"	14	1 Fillmore	Danner
	"	20	1 Eggertsville	V. Pitzrick,
	"	25	1 Snyder	M. Pitzrick
	"	27	1 Lewiston	Hulls
Red-bellied Woodpecker	"	2-30	1 Spring Brook	DeKleine
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	"	14	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Klabundes
Tree Swallow	"	14	3 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Danner
Rough-winged Swallow	"	7	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Freeland, et al.
Tufted Titmouse	"	1-30	1-3 Spring Brook	Freeland
	"	1-30	2 Lewiston	Andrle, et al.
Red-breasted Nuthatch	"	1-30	1 Snyder	Danner
	"	1-30	1-2 Spring Brook	Klabundes
	"	1-24	1 Lewiston	DeKleine
	"	4	2 Alfred area	Danner
	"	12	1 Orchard Park	Klabundes
Winter Wren	"	7	1 East Amherst	Brooks
	"	14	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Saville
Carolina Wren	"	1-30	1-2 Spring Brook	Freeland
	"	1-30	1 Belmont	Freeland, et al.
	"	2	1 East Amherst	Danner
	"	5	2 Alfred area	Burtions
	"	6	2 Canadaway Creek N.S.	Freeland
	"	7	1 Bemus Point	A. Rhodes
				Rew, et al.(BOS)
				Sundell

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Mockingbird	November	1	1 Ransomville	Klabundes
	"	1-14	1 Belmont	Burtons
	"	2,3	1,1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	7	1 Queenston, Ont.	Clark, Schaffner
	"	20-30	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
	"	21	2 Queenston, Ont.	Klabundes
	"	21	1 Ft. Erie, Ont.	Sommerville
Brown Thrasher	"	2-30	1 Cuba	Fornesses
	"	14	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Freeland
American Robin	"	1	57 Amity	Pitzricks
	"	11	50 East Amherst	Freeland
	"	21	27 Queenston, Ont.	Klabundes
Hermit Thrush	"	1,5,7	1 Snyder	DeKleine
Water Pipit	"	7	1 Clarence	Freeland
Northern Shrike	"	14	1 St. Catharine's, Ont.	Andrle, et al.
	"	14	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
	"	14	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	23	1 Orchard Park	Saville
	"	25,28	1,1 Cuba	Fornesses
	"	28	1 Buckhorn Is., S.P.	Klabundes
	"	30	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1-7,8-11,12	8,6,2	East Amherst	Freelands
	"	1-13	1-2 Alfred Area	Brooks
	"	2	1 Williamsville	Freeland
	"	19	1 North Collins	Rew, Buck
Rusty Blackbird	"	2	1 Williamsville	Freeland
Cardinal	"	30	34 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Evening Grosbeak	"	4F,29	4,7 Alfred area	Brooks
	"	28	2 Alfred area	Klingensmith
	"	29	3 East Amherst	Freeland
Purple Finch	"	1	2 Amity	V. Pitzrick
	"	2-10	1-2 Eggertsville	McKales
	"	3,21-30	1,1-3 Belmont	Burtons
	"	14	1 Youngstown	Klabundes
	"	14-17	1 Lewiston	Klabundes
House Finch	"	1-30	12-18 Olean	Fornesses
	"	1-5,6-30	8-12,22-77 Eggertsville	McKales
	"	1,10,11,30	1,1,1,1 Belmont	Burtons
Pine Siskin	"	6	1 Canadaway Creek N.S.	Rew, et al. (BOS)
Rufous-sided Towhee	"	15-30	1 Cuba	Fornesses
Savannah Sparrow	"	29	1 Amity Lake	V. Pitzrick
Vesper Sparrow	"	13	1 Amherst	Freeland
	"	14,15	1 Belmont	Burtons
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	"	7 (from Oct.)	1 East Amherst	Freeland
Chipping Sparrow	"	26-30	1 Rose Hill Rd., Ont.	Axtell
Field Sparrow	"	14	1 Wilson-Tuscarora S.P.	Klabundes
	"	18	1 Times Beach	Andrle, et al.
	"	30	1 Spring Brook	Danner



White-crowned Sparrow	November	1-30	1-3 Belmont	Burtons
"	"	25-30	1 Rose Hill Rd.Ont.	Axtell
"	"	26-30	1 Eggertsville	Hulls
White-throated Sparrow	"	1-30	1-4 Belmont	Burtons
"	"	1-30	4 (max.) Lewiston	Klabundes
"	"	1-30	8-12 Spring Brook	Danner
"	"	1-30	3 Orchard Park	Saville
"	"	1-27	1 Amity Lake	V. Fitzrick
"	"	1-13	5 Snyder	DeKleine
"	"	20-30	13 Rose Hill Rd.,Ont.	Axtell
"	"	27-30	1 Eggertsville	Hulls
Fox Sparrow	"	1	1 Orchard Park	Saville
"	"	14	1 Niagara Falls, Ont.	Freeland
Swamp Sparrow	"	6	1 Canadaway Creek N.S.	Rew,et al. (BOS)
"	"	14	2 Wilson-Tuscarora S.P.	Klabundes
Snow Bunting	"	1	200 Somerset	Klabundes
"	"	6	40 Portland	Rew,et al. (BOS)
"	"	19	50 Springville	Rew, Buck

Species, subspecies and hybrids previously recorded this year	281
Species, subspecies and hybrids recorded this issue	5
Total for year	286

BIRD BANDING AT FARMERSVILLE STATION IN 1975

by: Donald F. Clark

This report summarizes the bird banding activities at our private refuge for the year 1975. It also compares various statistics over the ten year period that the bird banding station has been in operation. The 46 acre refuge is located in Farmersville Township of Cattaraugus County in New York State. The exact location is latitude 42°2' and longitude 78°2. On a road map, it is approximately one mile south of Farmersville Station, New York on Hicks Road. The post office address is Hicks Road, Franklinville, New York 14737.

It was the second year of living full time on the refuge. Banding was conducted on 259 days during the year. Nets were used on 107 days and traps were set on 197 days. There was no banding done in June or July except for an odd bird or two caught by accident. The summer of 1975 was a very poor year for birding. There were few birds seen on the refuge although the weather seemed normal.

Fewer swallows of all species were in the area. The number of flycatchers seemed much lower than normal although an Eastern Phoebe nested in the downspout of our barn for the first time. She successfully raised two broods using the same nest both times. Robins, Brown Thrashers and Catbirds were noticeably lower in numbers as were all blackbirds. The usual flocks of Grackles, Red-wings and Starlings came

in the fall but they seemed to stay in the grain fields of the farmers around us rather than coming onto the refuge. It was a fair warbler migration year both in spring and fall with a early wave of warblers coming through the first of September.

Three new species were seen for the first time on the refuge and two of them were banded. A Pine Warbler was caught during the spring migration and banded. In the fall, a Boreal Chickadee was netted and banded. In late December, 4 Wild Turkeys foraged near the inlet to our big pond. Then two days later, as we sat looking out our picture window, they strolled from the bank and walked across the ice to the opposite side of the pond.

As one thinks back 10 years ago when banding started at the refuge, it is hard to realize the dramatic changes that have occurred. Some of the best net lanes were destroyed to permit the building of a permanent home. Pines and spruces planted when the property was first purchased, have now reached 15 to 20 feet in height and have completely altered habitats. Some of the scrubby, abandoned land has been kept in meadows. Hurricane Agnes hit in 1972 and its effects on birds is still being felt in the area.

The turn about in using traps more than nets shows up in the greater number of sparrows and finches caught. Also, net lanes used in earlier years have been abandoned because they were just too far from the house to maintain.

During 1975, tame Mallard Ducks were kept on the refuge. By May, thirty Mallards were using the pond for their home. Due to their presence, 4 to 6 wild Mallards came in each day. Eventually, a wild Mallard nested on the bank of the pond. Unfortunately an opossum killed one of the tame female Mallards on her nest and destroyed the nest of the wild Mallard. Plans are being made to obtain a Game Bird Breeders permit from the state and hopefully, by 1976 Canada Geese will be raised on the refuge.

Neighbors and residents of the area are now aware that we live on the refuge. Therefore, they have made inquiries about banded birds they see and find. Two slide lectures were given to groups in the area with emphasis placed on bird banding. One presentation was part of a summer educational program sponsored by The Buffalo Audubon Society at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center near Java, N.Y. Both Jane and I completed the required course in ecology and act as volunteer guides at this Center. One ecology group was conducted through our refuge during the fall.

We again participated in all Buffalo Ornithological Society bird counts for the area. We were active in the Allegany County Bird Club and are participating in the newly reorganized Cattaraugus County Bird Club. This group is located at St. Bonaventure's University in Olean, New York and has the good fortune to have Dr. Stephen Eaton as an adviser. John and Mary Forness are the leaders of the group. They spent several days at the refuge observing banding operations prior to obtaining their banding license.

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The 1974 year-end report of banding at Farmersville Station was partially published in The Prothonotary, the newsletter of the Buffalo Ornithological Society.

The Region IV Atlantic Flyway Review was edited again this year. In addition, banding information was supplied to Mrs. Vivian Fitzrick, regional editor of The Kingbird and to Walter K. Taylor of Florida Technological University.

The 10 Most Commonly Banded Birds:

<u>1975</u>		<u>Ten Year Total</u>	
643	Evening Grosbeak	2879	Tree Sparrow
444	Tree Sparrow	1378	Slate-colored Junco
212	Slate-colored Junco	1326	Evening Grosbeak
121	Song Sparrow	1302	Song Sparrow
107	White-throated Sparrow	1011	Myrtle Warbler
105	Black-capped Chickadee	846	White-throated Sparrow
91	Tennessee Warbler	730	Black-capped Chickadee
69	American Goldfinch	614	Blue Jay
68	Myrtle Warbler	491	Catbird
67	Blue Jay	451	Field Sparrow

Evening Grosbeak totals increased dramatically in 1973-74 and 75 due to having sunflower seed feeders in continuous operation. Also American Goldfinches increased due to the use of "thistle seed" feeders in 1974 and 1975. Prior to these years, Goldfinches were not seen during the winter months. There was a fair warbler migration in 1975 and almost half of the Tennessee Warblers banded during these ten years were netted in 1975.

Birdbanding 1975

Farmersville Station, N.Y.

Summary of 1975 Banding Totals by Species:

1	Little Green Heron	1	Boreal Chickadee
5	Yellow-shafted Flicker	1	Tufted Titmouse
4	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	7	White-breasted Nuthatch
4	Hairy Woodpecker	1	Red-breasted Nuthatch
10	Downy Woodpecker	3	Brown Creeper
2	Great Crested Flycatcher	4	House Wren
4	Eastern Phoebe	38	Catbird
3	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	Brown Thrasher
3	Least Flycatcher	15	Robin
5	Eastern Wood Pewee	2	Wood Thrush
1	Tree Swallow	18	Hermit Thrush
67	Blue Jay	22	Swainson's Thrush
105	Black-capped Chickadee	3	Gray-cheeked Thrush

Summary of 1975 Banding Totals by Species: cont.

9	Veery	10	Canada Warbler
3	Golden-crowned Kinglet	5	American Redstart
31	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	14	Red-winged Blackbird
1	Northern Shrike	5	Baltimore Oriole
27	Starling	12	Rusty Blackbird
4	Solitary Vireo	16	Common Grackle
11	Red-eyed Vireo	21	Brown-headed Cowbird
7	Philadelphia Vireo	9	Scarlet Tanager
1	Warbling Vireo	4	Cardinal
1	Black and White Warbler	33	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
4	Blue-winged Warbler	4	Indigo Bunting
91	Tennessee Warbler	643	Evening Grosbeak
26	Nashville Warbler	37	Purple Finch
10	Yellow Warbler	1	Common Redpole
47	Magnolia Warbler	8	Pine Siskin
1	Black-throated Blue Warbler	69	American Goldfinch
68	Myrtle Warbler	4	Rufous-sided Towhee
30	Black-throated Green Warbler	3	Savannah Sparrow
6	Blackburnian Warbler	1	Vesper Sparrow
12	Chestnut-sided Warbler	212	Slate-colored Junco
14	Bay-breasted Warbler	444	Tree Sparrow
5	Blackpoll Warbler	8	Chipping Sparrow
1	Pine Warbler	27	Field Sparrow
2	Yellow Palm Warbler	8	White-crowned Sparrow
6	Ovenbird	107	White-throated Sparrow
7	Northern Waterthrush	4	Lincoln's Sparrow
14	Yellowthroat	13	Swamp Sparrow
1	Yellow-breasted Chat	121	Song Sparrow
8	Wilson's Warbler		

2621 Total Birds Banded of 83 Species at Farmersville Station.

1 Red-tailed Hawk banded at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center

2622 Birds banded of 84 species for the year.

Banding Returns in 1975:

The following birds were recaptured 90 days or more after the previous capture.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Times</u>	Known minimum years of age								Total
			8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Hairy Woodpecker	4	5		1		1		1		1	4
Downy Woodpecker	3	3		1					1	1	3

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<u>Species</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>Times</u>	Known minimum years of age								<u>Total</u>
			<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
Blue Jay	25	26	1	1	1		5	2	6	9	25
Black-capped Chickadee	40	53			1	1		4	17	17	40
White-br. Nuthatch	2	2							1	1	2
Catbird	6	6			1	1			2	2	6
American Robin	2	2						1	1		2
Starling	1	1							1		1
Red-eyed Vireo	1	1					1				1
Blue-winged Warbler	1	1							1		1
Common Yellowthroat	1	1							1		1
Baltimore Oriole	3	3	1	1			1				3
Common Grackle	1	1							1		1
Brown-headed Cowbird	4	4					1	2	1		4
Cardinal	2	2							2		2
Evening Grosbeak	7	11						3	3	1	7
American Goldfinch	4	5							4		4
Slate-colored Junco	3	3					1		1	1	3
Tree Sparrow	69	80				1	5	9	29	25	69
White-thrd. Sparrow	1	1								1	1
Song Sparrow	4	4			1			1	1	1	4
	134	215	2	4	4	4	14	23	73	60	184

184 individual birds of 21 species returned during 1975.

Recoveries in 1975

Five recovery reports were received from the Bird Banding Office in 1975. Two additional recoveries were added by the writer. One was a Blue Jay found on the refuge and the other a Common Grackle discovered when talking to a neighbor.

Common Grackle:

#763-28110: Banded on 05-21-74 as an AHY-F at the refuge. It was found dead by Joyce Farmer at Pennellville, New York on 10-12-24. This is about 127 miles north-east of the refuge.

Blue Jay:

#763-28090: Banded on 05-01-74 as an AHY-U at the refuge. It was found dead on 03-23-75 in a small outlet stream from our duck marsh on the refuge. The body cavity was cleaned out but the rest of the bird was not eaten. This is similar to the way opossums have eaten other birds at the refuge.

Common Grackle:

#963-83824: Banded on 07-30-67 as an HY-U at the refuge. This spring when purchasing maple syrup from a neighbor about a mile north-northeast of the refuge I noticed he had bird feeders outside his parlor window. I asked if they ever saw birds with bands on their legs as they would most likely be ones I had banded. With a very sheepish grin on his face, he admitted he had seen some birds with bands. Then, he went into another room and came back with the above band. The bird had been coming to his feeder and scared the smaller birds away so he shot it. He thought it had been shot during the winter of 1973. I suggested that he send the band information into the Bird Banding Office but he was obviously too embarrassed to do so.

Evening Grosbeak:

#812-33101: Banded 02-19-74 as an AHY-F at the refuge. It was found dead in Franklinville, New York about 8 miles south-west of the refuge. The bird was given to the local game warden who turned in the band. No date was known for the recovery and it was reported as the summer of 1974. However, Evening Grosbeaks do not remain in this area much past May so it was most likely killed within 1 to 2 months after banding and found at a later date. The game warden came to the refuge to tell me about his receipt of the "Certificate of Appreciation" a good three weeks before I received my notice of recovery.

Evening Grosbeak:

#812-33267: Banded 04-10-74 as a SY-M at the refuge. It was caught by John McPeterson on 02-19-75 at Essex, New York. This is approximately 295 miles north-east of the refuge. The bird was trapped and released. Essex, N.Y. is on the west shore of Lake Champlain.

Evening Grosbeak:

#77-125522: Banded on 01-31-75 as an AHY-F at the refuge. It was found dead near Holland, New York on 03-02-75. This is about 19 miles north-west of the refuge. The original finder (unknown) claimed it was killed by a cat. He turned the band over to David Bigelow, the resident naturalist at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center at North Java, New York.

Evening Grosbeak:

#77-125575: Banded on 03-05-75 as a SY-M at the refuge. It was caught by Bruce Penrod on 04-13-75 at his home on Bear Creek Road near Franklinville, N.Y. about 7 miles from the refuge. The bird was trapped and released.

Foreign Retraps in 1975:

Eight birds banded by other bird banders were captured at the refuge during 1975. This brings to 20 the number of foreign retraps captured during the past ten years. 12 of the 20 were Evening Grosbeaks.

Evening Grosbeak:

#71-114381: Banded 04-19-71 as an AHY-M by Dr. J. F. Ludwig of Bemidji, Minnesota. It was trapped at the refuge on 01-27-75. The place of banding is about 882 miles north-west of the refuge.

Evening Grosbeak:

#76-189721: Banded on 05-06-73 as an AHY-M by Dr. J. F. Ludwig of Bemidji, Minnesota. It was trapped at the refuge on 02-11-75. Note that these two Evening Grosbeaks were banded by the same bander near Bemidji, Minnesota two years apart yet were caught 882 miles away within two weeks of each other. The first bird must be at least 5 years of age and the second one 3 years of age.

Tree Sparrow:

#810-69846: Banded on 12-02-73 as an U-U by G.S. Raynor of Manorville, Long Island, New York. It was trapped at the refuge on 03-09-75. The place of banding is about 316 miles south-east of the refuge. This is the first foreign retrap Tree Sparrow caught from an area east of the refuge.

Evening Grosbeak:

#78-176968: Banded on 12-08-72 as an AHY-M by G. W. Collins near Swiftwater, Pennsylvania. It was trapped and released at the refuge on 04-07-75. The place of banding was about 162 miles south-east of the refuge.

Purple Finch:

#81-65868: Banded on 03-19-73 as an AHY-M by F. L. Yocom near Conneaut, Ohio. It was trapped and released on 04-14-75. The place of banding is about 117 miles west-south-west of the refuge.

Evening Grosbeak:

#77-109700: Banded on 04-03-75 as an AHY-F by John McPeterson near Ferrisburg, Vermont. It was trapped and released on 12-01-75. The place of banding is about 295 miles north-east of the refuge. In the reports of "recoveries", an Evening Grosbeak banded at the refuge was trapped and released by Mr. McPeterson at his home in Essex, New York. This location is on the opposite side of Lake Champlain. It shows a two-way migration along this north-east and south-west line.

Evening Grosbeak:

#841-77559: Banded on 02-20-75 as an AHY-F by Mrs. Dorothy W. Crumb near Pompey, New York. It was trapped and released on 12-07-75. The place of banding is approximately 127 miles north-east of the refuge.

Evening Grosbeak:

#79-178848

Birds Observed at the Refuge:

Three new birds were seen at the refuge for the first time this year. A Pine Warbler was netted and banded on 04-23-75. A Boreal Chickadee was netted and banded on 10-20-75. On 12-22 and 24-75, four Wild Turkeys were observed within 200 feet of our front windows. On one day, they came out of the brush on one side of our pond, walked across the ice in full view and started feeding under evergreens on the opposite side. There was one bearded adult (male-?) and three females. There have been many flocks of wild turkeys all around us so we had been expecting to see them sometime.

Year	Species Seen	New Species for Year	Total
1959	72	72	72
1960	100	38	110
1961	101	18	128
1962	112	15	143
1963	106	5	148
1964	109	5	153
1965	115	4	157
1966	122	6	163
1967	125	3	166
1968	121	4	170
1969	128	3	173
1970	132	4	177
1971	130	3	180
1972	129	-	180
1973	127	-	180
1974	129	1	181
1975	125	3	184

The following is a list of the birds and the specific injury noted when banded.

1340-02388	Tree Sparrow	02-28-75	Middle claw left foot deformed
77-125546	Evening Grosbeak	02-09-75	3 front toes off left foot
820-59768	Tree Sparrow	03-09-75	Center nail left foot off
78-91774	Tree Sparrow	03-09-75	Under side nails white



763-28170	C. Grackle	04-16-75	Lower mandible broken off, tongue frayed
812-33484	Blue Jay	04-16-75	Both mandibles missing
1340-02775	Field Sparrow	05-10-75	Center toe left foot missing
1340-02890	Field Sparrow	05-20-75	Left toe both feet abnormally large
1340-02892	Am. Redstart	05-20-75	No nail left toe, left foot
1161-93100	W.T. Sparrow	05-22-75	Deformed left foot, no talons
1161-93166	Swainson's Thrush	10-01-75	No talon on left toe left foot
1350-43837	Field Sparrow	10-08-75	Black swelling outer toe left foot
1350-43907	S.C. Junco	10-21-75	Nail missing rear toe left foot
831-97530	Evening Grosbeak	12-04-75	Left eye missing
831-97569	Evening Grosbeak	12-08-75	Tip lower beak broken off
831-97628	Evening Grosbeak	12-18-75	Partial albino 80% white
1350-44220	Tree Sparrow	12-19-75	Center nail left foot pure white
812-33581	Blue Jay	12-24-75	Missshapen lower bill, upper bill hooked 3mm longer than lower

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#### ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

##### Chautauqua County Field Trip - November 6, 1976

A dozen birders gathered at Dunkirk Harbor on a typically cold, windy and overcast November day to try their luck along Lake Erie and inland to Chautauqua Lake. No rare larid appeared among the harbor's usual complement of gulls but we were pleased to see a Common Loon swimming obligingly close to the pier and over a dozen Horned Grebes scattered throughout the harbor. One of these grebes looked different - slightly smaller and darker - but as it was actively diving in the rolling waves we could not get a "clenching" look at what we believed to be an Eared Grebe.

Even at the sheltered Canadaway Creek Nature Sanctuary the strong winds kept the birds down. We did see two Carolina Wrens and added the common small residents along with a Great Blue Heron, both Kinglets, Pine Siskin, White-throated Sparrows and a lingering Swamp Sparrow. Birds came in flocks along Route 5 as we headed for Barcelona: 40 Snow Buntings, 70 Cedar Waxwings and 25 Robins. Gulls, Horned Grebes and several species of ducks were in the Barcelona Harbor. However, the biting wind discouraged us from remaining out of our cars for long and at noon we were delighted to accept Mrs. Lown's invitation to enjoy our lunches at her home in Westfield. Warmed and refreshed, we started for Chautauqua Lake where at Mayville we found several hundred Coot together with Greater and Lesser Scaup, Canvasback, Redheads, Buffleheads, Ruddy Ducks and again a number of Horned Grebes and about 30 Pied-billed Grebes. Here, too, were Whistling Swans, 27 in all, including one group of seven composed of 3 adults and 4 three-quarters grown dusky-necked young.

We tried again for land birds at the Prendergast Point woods and on the Chautauqua Institute Grounds but there were few birds willing to be watched this day

Chautauqua County Field Trip -November 6, 1976, cont.

in these usually very good areas. The Lake produced three more loons, many more Horned Grebes, a White-winged Scoter and at Dewittville a raft of some 350 Redheads. In spite of gathering dusk at Cassadaga Lake, we added two more species and ended the day with a total of 52.

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#### NOTES

#### SPRING HAWK WATCH AT BEAMER CONSERVATION AREA - March 13 thru April 30

For several years B.O.S. members have followed the spring hawk migrations in Western New York and Niagara Peninsula with the aim of learning more about the migration. This year we are cooperating with our fellow hawk watchers in Hamilton and Toronto by participating in a complete coverage from March 13th to the end of April to observe the hawks passing through the Beamer Conservation Area at Grimsby Ontario.

The choice of this observation station has three advantages. Most important, of course, is that those hawks which are flying westward along the south shore of Lake Ontario generally concentrate their flight over this area. The proximity of the Niagara Escarpment here to Lake Ontario apparently effect updrafts favored by all hawks during migration. Another advantage is that it affords excellent observation stations where hawks can readily be seen as they fly in from the east. A deep gully some 300 yards wide permits unobstructed vision along the horizon. Finally for some reason hawks fly through the area at lower altitudes. Seldom are hawks seen at limit of binocular vision so often experienced in other observation areas.

This project is headed by David Copeland of Hamilton, regional coordinator for the Hawk Migration Association of North America, who is arranging the coverage by the Hamilton Naturalists Club members. Eric Single is coordinating the coverage by the Toronto F.O.N. members while the writer has been asked to coordinate the coverage by the B.O.S. members.

A schedule has been set up so that each group covers one-third of the total days. The B.O.S. scheduled days are:

(1) March 27 through April 2

(2) April 17 through April 23

(3) April 28 through April 30

These periods have excellent potential for major flight days. Based on the 5 year study at Derby Hill by John Haugh, the first week could yield peak flights of Coopers,

Spring Hawk Watch at Beamer Conservation Area, cont.

Goshawk, Kestrel, Red-tail, Red-shoulder, Rough-leg and Marsh Hawks. In the second period Broad-wing, Merlin and Osprey flights should peak with major flights of Sharp-shins and TV's. The last period should still produce major flights of Broad-wings and Ospreys.

To obtain optimum coverage it is hoped that two people will volunteer to cover each of the 17 days. Please let me know what days you will be able to participate in this project.

Grimsby Ontario is 16 miles west of St. Catharines via the Queen Elizabeth Hwy. The Q.E. exit at Grimsby covers three streets. The third (last) to the left becomes Mountain Rd. which is followed to the top of the escarpment. The road turning off to the right has signs to Beamer Memorial Conservation Area. About 200 yards beyond a creek culvert look for a marked gravel road to the right to the conservation area. The entrance again is to the right.

Although hawks can be observed from the parking area, the preferred observation points are on the nature trail which extends along the escarpment on the north side until it reaches the gully on the east side. Here the trail (going south) follows the top of the gully. Any of several open areas can be used for observation points. The farthest one south gives the best overall view.

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PROGRAM - MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, September to June inclusive, in the Society's Club Room at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 8:00 p.m.

- February 23rd: (1) Report on January Waterfowl Count  
(2) 'Alaska and Places', an illustrated talk by Mr. Edward Beard, local wildlife photographer, including slides of birds and other wildlife taken in Spain, Alaska, British Columbia, Wyoming and the southern states. Mr. Beard's favorite photographic subjects are birds, especially the magnificent birds of prey.
- March 9th: 'Shorebird identification' by Harold Axtell. Dr. Axtell is emeritus Curator of Vertebrate Zoology at the Buffalo Museum of Science and has been observing the spring and autumn passage of shorebirds through the B.O.S. study area since 1947. He has few peers in the field identification of North American birds and a talent for discerning characters to make such identification easier than many field guides would indicate.

March 23rd: 'Signals For Survival', a 45 minute sound film on the social behavior of the Lesser Black-backed Gull as an isolating mechanism to preserve its identity as a valid species.

PROGRAM - FIELD TRIPS

February 27th: Field trip to the Ontario Plain... "Winter in Open Country." Co-leaders, Walt & Harriette Klabunde (tel. 754-4424, Lewiston) and Gael Bissell (tel. 632-4491, days, 832-2609 nights). We will meet at the Tops Market parking lot on Route #104, Lewiston Village, at 8:30 a.m. Take Lewiston Village exit off I-190 and follow Route #265, then Route #104, downhill to meeting point.

March 13th: Field trip around the Niagara Loop... "What's new in the Gorge?" Co-leaders, Fran Rew (tel. 822-0342) and Pauline Schwartz (tel. 832-5369). We will meet at Vermont Street and Busti Avenue entrance to the Peace Bridge at 8:00 a.m.

March 27th: Field trip to the sinks and Oak Orchard area... "Thank Goodness It's Spring!" Co-leaders, Dick Byron (tel. 856-2969 - days) and Gail Seamans (tel. 762-9211). We will meet in front of the Open House Restaurant, Transit Town Mall, southeast corner of Transit Road and Main Street, Clarence, at 7:00 a.m. Latecomers can catch the group at the Tonawanda Overlook, south side of Route #77 between Cedar Street and Salt Road, Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area.

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